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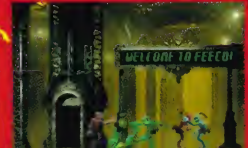


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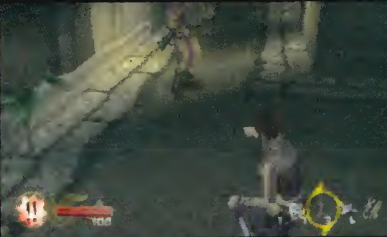
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The Works

TOMB RAIDER 3

p6 Lara's up for a threesome and you're the first to come...



■ Everyone's dying for a taste of little Lara...



■ Third time lucky? You betcha!



■ Watch out, this chick's so hot she's on fire...

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Every new release this month!

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All the gear and all the games, ripped apart & rated. Get clued up, get in The Knowledge...

The Knowledge: updated every month

Going down (under)

Aussie soap stars causing a commotion in our trousers

1. Melissa George <p>If you don't love Barbie, just get out, we don't want to see your ugly face round here no more. As Emma on Home and Away she caused mild outrage, but boy, how she developed since...</p>	2. Banni Minogue <p>Other Aussie soap stars began groping each other when they joined the programme. But, Kimberley comes in at gun blazing. As Kimberley she's nicknamed for a sharp rise in ratings too whenever Neighbours was on.</p>
4. Kylie Minogue <p>Hands up who remembers Christine in Neighbours? Made you wanna puke didn't she? However, since the dawn of Neighbours' end, she's not the bodyguard you're looking for a sharp rise in ratings too whenever Neighbours was on.</p>	5. Kimberley Davies <p>Other Aussie soap stars began groping each other when they joined the programme. But, Kimberley comes in at gun blazing. As Kimberley she's nicknamed for a sharp rise in ratings too whenever Neighbours was on.</p>

Duke Nukem <p>Company: GT. Players: 1-2. Memory card/Link-up: Mouse/Multiplay. Bloody, dark shoot 'em up that's one of the all-time greats. 80%</p>	Dynasty Warriors <p>Company: Ocean. Players: 1-2. Memory card/Link-up: Mouse/Multiplay. Great fun with swords that doesn't really cut it next to Soul Blade. 87%</p>
Earthworm Jim 2 <p>Company: Virgin. Players: 1. Memory card/Link-up: Mouse/Multiplay. Conversion of the old SNES classic that manages to be a lesser copy. 70%</p>	Epidemic <p>Company: SONY. Players: 1. Memory card/Link-up: Mouse/Multiplay. Sequel to Katak the Blood falls to improve on a pretty poor game. 64%</p>
ESPN Extreme Games <p>Company: Sony. Players: 1-2. Memory card/Link-up: Mouse/Multiplay. Outdoor sports racing game with a smidgen of violence for good measure. 84%</p>	Everybody's Golf <p>Company: SONY. Players: 1-4. Memory card/Link-up: Mouse/Multiplay. A golf game that's - wait for it - fun! And great to play too. 85%</p>
Exhumed <p>Company: BMG. Players: 1. Memory card/Link-up: Mouse/Multiplay. One of the best and most challenging Doom-style games around. 84%</p>	FIFA 98: Road to World Cup <p>Company: EA. Players: 1-2. Memory card/Link-up: Mouse/Multiplay. Truly average football game. Only for true fans. 80%</p>
Fighting Force <p>Company: Psygnosis. Players: 1. Memory card/Link-up: Mouse/Multiplay. 84%</p>	Formula 1 <p>Company: Psygnosis. Players: 1. Memory card/Link-up: Mouse/Multiplay. 84%</p>

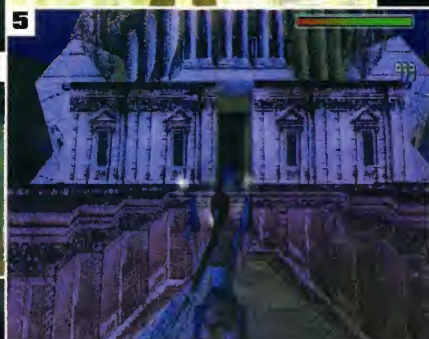
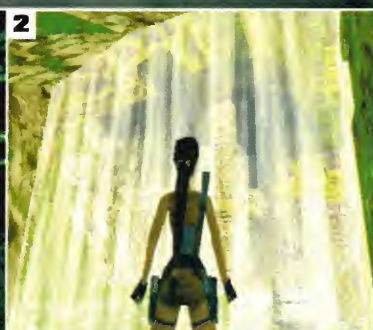
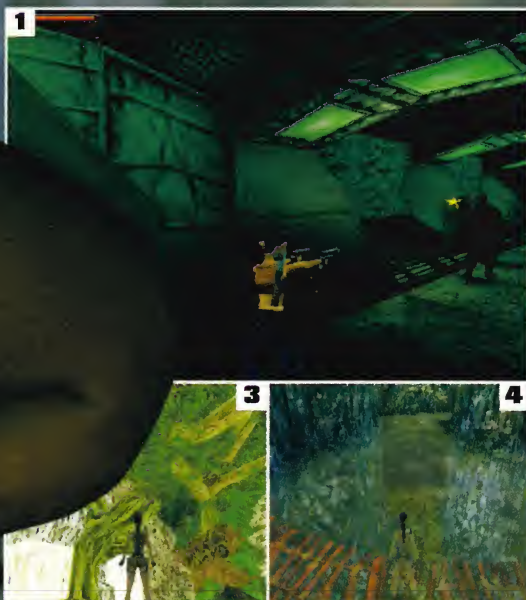
The Works: Tomb Raider III first look

■ She's back and once again she's got herself a great pair of bangers, let's go get 'em



Shooting Star

She had you once, and you loved it. She had you a second time, and you screamed out for more. Now she's back...



Let's get this straight: Lara ain't here for a boring old retread of Tomb Raiders I and II. This gal's gone and got herself a full makeover. She's looking foxier than ever, she's got a whole load of new tricks up her sleeve and she goes like a rocket. Perfection? Let's see...



1 Lara never has any luck with the guys 2 Even when she's looking dead trim 3 Tomb Raider III's set to melt yer eyeballs... 4 With superb graphics... 5 Awesome locations... 6 And loadsa gunplay

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Story

As usual, our chunky-chested chick is in search of ancient artefacts. She starts her quest in India, but once she's picked up one relic she bumps into the mysterious Dr Willard who hires her to find a further three treasures. So Lara packs her bags and sets off for locations including Area 51, London and the South Pacific, before heading out to Antarctica to rendezvous with Willard...



1 OK, so this is Tomb Raider, right? So hold tight for a gorgeo intro... **2** That sets the scene for mammoth mam action all over the world **3** In the South Pacific. Break out the bikini, Lara **4** In Antarctica. Time for yer thermal undies, girly **5** In London... **6** And even in the ultra-secret Area 51. She gets everywhere, does wor Crofty

Weapons

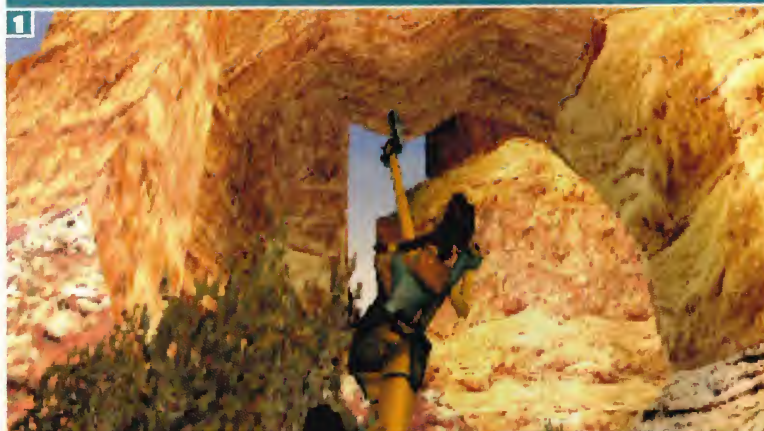
Lara sure likes to get hold of a rockhard weapon. And you can be sure there ain't no shortage of 'em lying around Tomb Raider world. This babe's gonna be hefting everything from lickle handguns to huge grenade launchers...



1 Of course, our ace adventurer will have her pistols and shotgun... **2** Her assault rifle... **3** And her Uzis... **4** New goodies include grenades, and the finished game'll have even more cool stuff

Save me!

It looks like number three's gonna give you the choice of two ways to save. If you thought TR II's save-anywhere-you-like system was fine and dandy, you can use that on 'easy' mode. However, if you thought it was the ponce's option, stick it on 'hard' and you have to collect crystals, forcing you to think about when and where you want to save...



1 It's improvement city in Tomb III! Do you wanna save before you hit a big, bad boss character?
2 Or before a tricky jump like this? **3** Whatever. You'll have the choice of which save system to use

Baddies

Shee-it, Crofty don't half rub people up the wrong way when she's globe-trotting. You're gonna be meeting and greeting all kinds of new rough bad boys and monsters in Tomb Raider III.



Luscious Lara's back

Other stuff

Here's some other trinkets of gossip we found lying around. There will still be a Lara training section, but the actual details are being kept hush-hush for now, so you can expect something special. And, remember how Lara's voice changed from Tomb I to II? Well, it's staying the same as number two this time around.



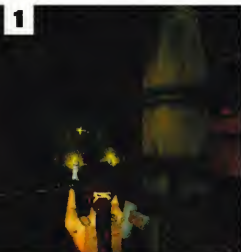
■ There'll be a whole load of stuff to discover once this baby touches down



■ The scenery going to be top-notch but some of it'll be rock hard

Gameplay

Lara's lookin' for treasure (natch). And she's gonna have to go up against all kind of nasties to get it (of course). There'll be geezers who don't stop to admire her body, they just wanna pump it full of holes. And animals who wanna sink their teeth into her. Plus they'll be all kinds of obstacles. Yup, it looks like the Lara formula we know and love is back. Cool.



1



2



3



4

1 Luscious Lara's back. And this babe's packing some serious weaponry. Lucky, really... 2 'Cos apart from all the gangstas after her tail, she's gonna have to deal with some hostile natives... 3 As well as all kinds of slippery, slimey things. Not your tadger, this beastie here 4 And if she's not totally shagged out after that lot, she'll still have to do the odd bit of 'adventuring'

■ This was to have been a joke about people's fingers touching Lara's lips here. But was thought far too obscene, even for this magazine, to publish



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'This babe's packing some rockhard weaponry'

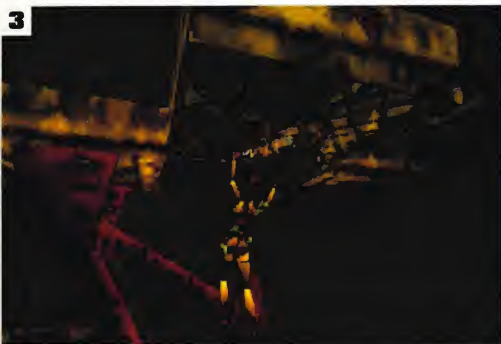


■ There's panic on the streets of London, well the canine population's a mite concerned anyway...

'Foxier than ever with tons of new tricks'

What's new pussycat?

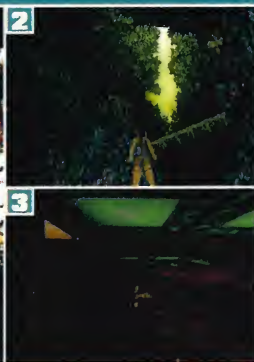
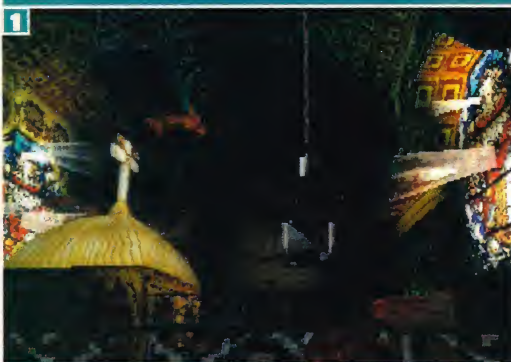
Word is, the 'feel' of Tomb Raider III's gonna be much closer to the original than its sequel. A whole load of fans felt let down by numero deux. There wasn't enough exploring, they moaned. The puzzles were too samey, they griped. There's too much shooting, they whinged. All that's set to be put right for Tomb III. The best bits of Tomb II are staying, mind, but this time Lara goes back to her adventuring roots...



1 Our shagadelic sexpot is gonna be doing more exploring than last time which means nosing around native villages... **2** The odd temple or two, pulling switches.... **3** And avoiding the kind of obstacles that'll give her more than just a nasty rash **4** But if yer a Tomb II fan, don't unwrap the razor blades just yet. There's still tons of action... **5** As well as shedloads of baddies for worm bait

Where you goin', girl?

Here's another change: instead of being dragged through the game, you'll reach a point where you get to choose which artefact to search for next. And the whole game could change depending on which choice you make. Nice one.



1 It's likely you get to make choices after you've been to India. And you could go to London... **2** Or, er, somewhere completely different. **3** But the things is, the whole game could change depending on where you fancy visiting

Nice threads

Our fave game babe's not just been toning her bod since Tomb Raider II, she's also been fine-tuning her wardrobe. So expect to see all manner of new Crofty clothes in Tomb Raider III...



■ Antarctic: snowy

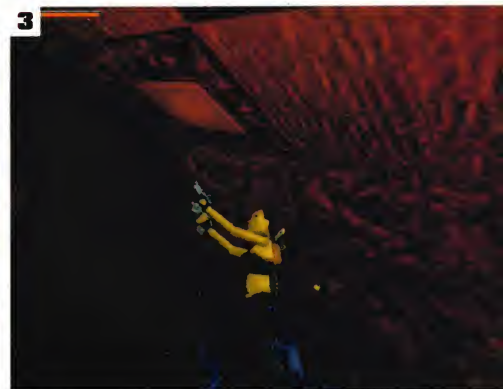
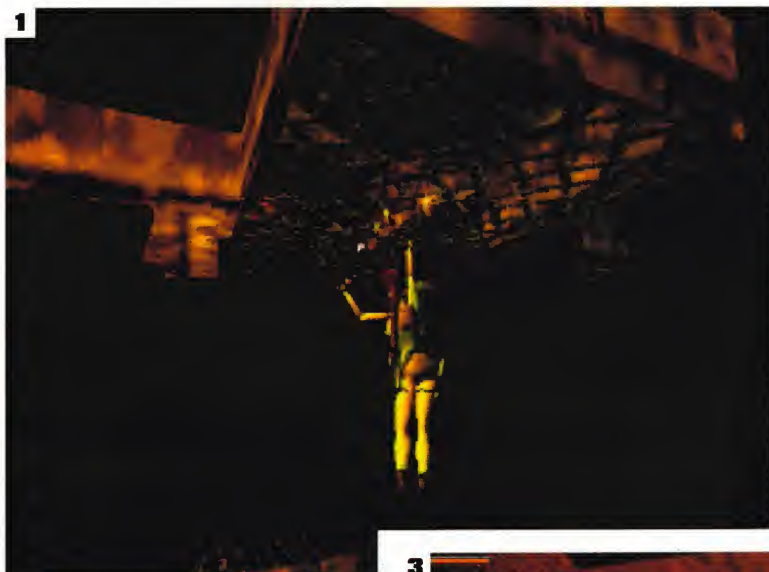
■ London: foggy

■ Area 51: weird

■ Pacific: damn hot

Lay yer moves on me, baby

Two things in life stay constant. One: beer tastes better when someone else is paying. Two: Lara gets a bit more gymnastic with each Tomb Raider game. This time around expect to see this chick's dash move, as well as a monkey swing manoeuvre AND a ducking action. Oh, and she should also have a 'sneak' move for getting past dozy guards. This sure is one athletic gal.



1 Lara'll be showing off her new monkey swing... **2** As well as her new, super, executive 'crouch' **3** Not to mention her lovely, fluffy 'dash' move.

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We'd like to say...

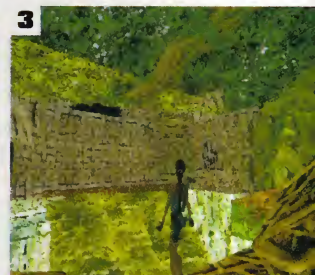
Some folks thought Tomb Raider II was an awesome game. Others reckoned the only major improvement was Lara's new non-pointy bangers. Either way, things are gonna change for the third installment, and that's gotta be a good thing, right? From what we've seen this looks like it's gonna sit on top of the pile. Get set for some more sleepless nights when Lara hits town...

■ Lara's third outing is looking darn purty and it'll be faster, too



Hey good-looking

Right from the start you're gonna notice a load of improvements. One of them is the looks. Tomb III's graphics are the donkey's whipper: levels are truly spursome in their detail and the rooms and corridors will take your breath away and natural features like the trees and stuff look better than ever. This is all down to the blokes in the Tomb Raider engine room starting right from scratch. So not only will Lara's third outing look darn purty, it'll be faster, too.



1 These shots speak for themselves 2 Windows that look brilliant. Who knew? 3 Then there's the new and improved look of stuff like trees and other bits of foliage 4 And for extra eye candy, check the misty bridge. Nice, or what? 5 London's rooftops are looking spectacular 6 And so does this



Secrets

Yet ANOTHER change here is the way you find secrets. The whole Tomb II 'oh-I've-found-an-idol-what-the-fuck-does-it-mean?' scenario has been binned. Instead you get a Tomb I-style idea. Idols are there, but so will much more booty.

► Finding stuff's gonna be different all over again



IT MAKES THE REST LOOK TAME

S.C.A.R.S

"Imagine Mario-Kart-style nasty racing action combined with some impressive looking 3D graphics."



"Looks a peach and the mad battle-racing is a riot." **PlayStation**

It's here! The racing game that makes the others look like a drive in the park. Half animal, half machine these cars are ready to rip the road to shreds. In a no holds barred adrenalin charged speedfest, you can take on 4 players on split screen on the PSX and N64 with multi player mayhem on the PC. Dual Shock Compatibility, staggering 3D graphics and sheer driveability make S.C.A.R.S. a game that will really leave its mark.

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Got something you're desperate to share with the world of PlayStation? Get writing... (If your question is just about games or tips, use our coupon on page 81, we'll pay the postage and print an answer in PlayStation.)

OUCH!

Final Fantasy VII is utter ARSE. If millions of people liked it, how many didn't? Because I am one of them, but since it's been out I have not heard one bad word against it **Here are two: it's pants.** Are people scared to agree that it's actually crap?

Darren Stiff - no jokes please. **What? About you being called 'Stiff'? Jokes like: if somebody asks your name, do you say, 'I'm Stiff? When you're sleeping are you Stiff in bed? Jokes like those, you mean? We'd never dream of making those**

SPICE AS NICE

Great mag **Cheers** Why did Sony bother with Spice World? **So people such as yourself**

class

LARA'S SHOOTERS EXPOSED AS FAKES!

Honest, I'm not trying to impress anyone with my sad, unhealthy and pathetic passing interest in firearms. It's about your page 3 pic of Nell McAndrew as Lara Croft **Our Eye Candy in the Sep 98 issue** where she is packing pistols 'threateningly'. The 'guns' in her hands are in fact G10 air pistols. Not only are they mere air pistols, but they are the crappiest air pistols you can get. The Government classify them as mere toys. If you fired one at a cat it would give you a dirty look and hiss, never mind blood-thirsty dogs with sharp teeth who want to eat you. Also, both hands are required to fire even one pellet, so the fact that she is carrying two means Lara won't even be able to annoy cats pissing in her garden unless she plans to throw the guns at them. Imagine Darth Vader with one of those short plastic tubes with a torch on the end and you'll hopefully understand the source of my amusement. Nice legs though. **God, standards are low. Anyone can get a Class letter these days**

Ali, Edmonton



Who's to be Lara?

Who you reckon should play the movie Lara...



■ Winslet: Sure floats our boat...

Jennifer Aniston would be perfect. As for Liz Hurley, she is even more perfect and totally shagadelic **Make yer mind up, please**
Austin Powers

Jennifer Aniston's a total babe but far too soft to play tough Lara. There is only one true Lara Croft and poxy Hollywood should leave her to the PlayStation

Sean Mullen, Glasgow

Kate Winslet! She's beautiful. For breeding, last I checked she was English. She might not have a tough attitude or settle an argument with an Uzi, but as for athletic, she got about A LOT on the Titanic.

Steven Lonlon, Dublin **Soz if the name's spelt wrong, but sometimes you lot don't write too clearly**

would part with twenty quid presumably It's shit and so are the Spice Girls **Wrong, some of their stuff is quite funky** If they wanted to do a game why not do an Oasis one? **Because it would go out of fashion very quickly** PC owners get one and we get bloody Spice Girls **No one forced you to buy it**

Martin Denbigh

Say, why's Darren's girlfriend unhappy? She's always feeling Stiff! Boom, boom.

S PEARSON WRONG!

I want to talk about S Pearson's comments about the joypad. **Update: our very own pub bore, Bert, suggested a 'different' way of holding the joypad for racing games. S Pearson gained himself the 'Arse letter' award last month for dissing us over this** Does anyone else not find using square and triangle together difficult to hold the two down? You have to press hard which makes it harder to use other buttons! Now

Champions

Who'll win the Premiership?

This is Liverpool's year to win the title.

Stephen Bate, Shropshire **S'pose you've heard the Master Bate gag enough already?**

In regards to Adam Coalville who said Leicester City will kick Man United's arse. Bollocks! When was the last time Leicester did the double?

Murn, Stockport

Aston Villa are a smart team. We will win the league - soon. Prediction: Aston Villa 5, Leicester Shitty 0. **Call them that again and you're banned**

Alex, Birmingham

Arsenal will win the Premiership but will miss out on the Euro cup, losing out to Juventus in the final **no 50-yard lobs please.** Middlesboro will go down along with Forest and Wimbledon

David Cuthbert, Inverness

Both Chelsea and Leicester are crap. Everton are twice as good as both.

Alan Cahill, Bootle, **This sounds pretty stupid now the season's started, eh Alan? Leicester 2 Everton 0...**

Postie hates us

These clogged up our in-tray

I'm thinking of chipping my 'Station **Don't. It won't work in small pieces**

Rob Strachan

Keep up with the half-naked birds **Why, are they running away? Please print this Must we?**

Web and Foxy, Blackburn

Tell Jo she's cool. **Our designer. And she should be. She's the only one with an air conditioner anywhere near her**

Joe Henley on Thames

I just want to say hello to a friend in Ireland called Gary Hughes

Tony Bowden, JHQ Germany

There IS a toilet in Resident Evil 2. It's on the train lift that takes you to the underground lab

Jimmy Jenkins, Bristol

using it PlayStation's way is much better. It's a lot more relaxing on you fingers. Don't you think Mr Pearson that they are a little better than you? Hey, they complete games faster than you or me ever could so don't challenge them unless you want humiliating! **You're so right, Ben**
Ben, Sheffield

S PEARSON UNDER FIRE AGAIN!

S Pearson complains about how people hold their control pads, but to be honest, who gives a shit? I'm left-handed and I found that using two fingers **One for braking, one for acceleration** is much easier for me. I bet Pearson's favourite game is Rayman.

Tom Jones, Tuffley **Say, who is this around the corner?**

S PEARSON GROVELS

Guess you didn't see the funny side of my tongue-in-cheek diatribe then? **'Spoonerlike', you called us. Harumph** I was just trying to inject some banter into the proceedings **Oh. Our Verbal page not lively enough for you, then? Double harumph** Although getting the Arse box was kind of cool, you did sound a bit venomous. I don't like to make enemies, even though I don't know you, so peace yeah! **S Pearson, Worksop You want to be unbanned then do you? We'll think it over...**

I'M NOT YOUR BLOODY ONION

I am a reader of your top mag and am bloody when dumbass.

John K, Surrey

ASH FOR QUESTIONS

Oi 'Station NO. **Popular culture reference**

Everybody knows Ash kick shit **The verb you're looking for is 'are' not 'kick'** and they are way too good to be getting the piss taken out of them by 30 year-olds who act like they haven't

DiCaprio in sprout shock!

Sprouts up in arms

Heather Dillon is not the only girl in the country who hates Leonardo DiCaprio. She's right, he does look like a sprout. It would benefit all of mankind if he were eradicated as soon as possible. What a pity it is that **...we had to cut this bit out, 'cos there are such things as libel laws, y'know.**

Also, although I myself do not enjoy staring at pictures of half-naked females, I have a solution for all those people who write in to complain about them: don't look at them!

Angie Broad, Gillingham **So when you go on holiday, you're 'A Broad'? Do you have Broad shoulders? A Broad mind?**



1 Sprout-like 2 A sprout: DiCaprio-esque

PS Am I the only person who's never bothered to see Titanic? **You should. Kate Winslet's fun puppies are a joy to behold** And although the Star Wars games are shite, the films and books rock like funky chickens.

Condensed bile

Lots of letters about...

Hannah Mitton leave us alone! **Or words to that effect**

Zoe and Teri we love you! **Or words to that effect**

David West's crap Resident Evil 2 tip didn't work! **Those exact words, in fact** Please print more pictures of naked ladies

Lesbian section

Boy, the closets are full...

Dear Hannah Mitton **A girl who wasn't happy about the women in the mag, and then got into a slanging match with our lesbians, Zoë and Teri.**

As a confirmed peanut polisher, in my opinion the only offensive tit I've seen in this magazine is you. **Now, now. If you want to fight, we can find you bikinis and a mud-filled arena** Keep your ill-formed opinions on why lesbians like other girls' tits to yourself, 'cos believe me, it's not because we don't have any ourselves. Ask my girlfriend, she actually finds mine more than adequate, thank you.

Penny, Southend

We would like to point out to Hannah Mitton that rest of women in Britain either ARE lesbians or are fantasising about becoming one **Can we stop you there. Now we might have all lost our sociology degrees, but we can't help but feel that's probably not, um, true** As lesbians we have to take this opportunity to say that nothing sharpens up digital and manual dexterity quite like a PlayStation joypad, something that would be a shameful waste for the sadly '100 per cent hetero' Hannah.

The Beaver Divas

reached adolescence yet. **He's referring to us here at PlayStation, but boy is he off the mark** you people truly are sad and lonely.

Wrong and wrong again

Rob Lightwater, Surrey.

Please don't buy our magazine again

Rob, there's a good lad. We expect readers of a much higher standard

THAT OLD CHESTNUT

I saw the Dreamcast **Sega's forthcoming console, UK release date Christmas 1999**, and it's great. When is the PlayStation2 coming out? And will it be more powerful than the Dreamcast? **OK, here's the theory (and it's copyright PlayStation 1998): If we were Sony we'd wait until we could see exactly what the Dreamcast could do before we decided on an exact spec for our follow-up machine. If that was the case then the PlayStation2 would be AT LEAST as powerful as the Sega machine. Probably more so. At the moment, there is – for the 1000th time – NO information on PlayStation 2, but we wouldn't be at all surprised if Sony chose the day of the Japanese Dreamcast release to announce details of their new machine.**

Adam, e-mail geezer

WRITING'S NOT MY STRONG POINT

Firstly I would like to commend you on your highly successful mag which is mature, often

Ginger people write

Yes! Ginger people CAN write!

Ricky Manning **the original ginger whinger** is giving gingers a bad name. In fact I'm a ginger-haired fellow **Fellow? Don't you mean git?** and I don't give a shit if people take the piss. **That's lucky for you, you ginger-pubed cider drinker** What really gets on my tits is when moaning ginger bastards have to make themselves heard.

Andy Cooper, West Sussex

I am a ginger **Euch, yuck, poo, poo. You smell** but I don't care what you think. However that Ricky Manning does seem to be a whinging arse.

Rob Sampton, Lincoln

Hi, my name is Debbie, but you can call me ginger-faced git if you like **That's most kind. Mind if we abbreviate it to GFG?** or maybe you can think of something more imaginative this time **'Kay. How about,**

freckle-faced freak: FFF?

How right you are – ALL redheads are freckle-faced losers **That'll be FFL, then,** going nowhere fast, or at least that's what we get told. And, I've got to say it is sad being a ginger nut **GN** when the only celebs we've got are Chris Evans and the fat, ugly bloke from Simply Red.

But, then again we've got Julia Roberts, Geri Spice **Who's since seen the error of her ways,** and Gillian Anderson. Why do carrot tops get made fun of by people with very little hair colour? Is it jealousy? You know what they say about the colour red. If you don't then you'll never know how hot and dangerous redheads are, unless you date one.

Ah, it's all clear. You need a date. Sure thing, just pop along to our offices and one of our sex über-fuhrers will be happy to oblige. Don't forget a hat though, eh? Debbie, Gingerbread Land.



■ Chris Evans: ginger presenter, weight-watcher ■ Fergie: ginger ex-Royal, weight-watcher

funny and always has precise and unbiased reviews **You're welcome** I also have some questions and ideas to put to you: **Oops. Good start, poor middle section, let's skip straight to the ridiculous pen name, shall we?**

Scratchmaster Sy, Stockport

DUAL SHOCK HORROR

I'm pissed off. I was playing the rather excellent Gran Turismo using the official Dual Shock Pad.

After about an hour's play the game started doing really strange things, such as the analogue function turning off randomly and the menu that comes up when start is pressed.

I thought at first that this was the PlayStation heating up but my friend said it was the Dual Shock function heating up, please tell me is this a side effect and have you had other letters on this subject? **Just yours**

Andrew Murray, e-mail geezer

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■ Assault. Well groovy game. They do a good telly too...



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Tekken 3

STREET PARTY

For millions the agony is over. Tekken 3 is in the shops, and joy is in the air. What better time to celebrate the bonds that bind us with a good ol' knees-up? A few shots of Tekken 3 punch and even gran'll hobble out to practise her combos!



Tekken 3 Punch!

And it packs one. Ha, ha, ha.

What you'll need:

A big splash of Jin (Gordo's extra dry)
Half a bottle of Jack
Four bottles of Tiger beer

A few glasses of this, and it won't be too Wu-long before you're Gon! To make a lip-smacking punch, mix up these ingredients and add lashings of ice. It's got a bit of a kick, so mind you don't drink yourself into a Kuma. It's the Law. And for the youngsters, why not make up a small bowl of the same drink, but without any of the alcohol? Children love ice cubes.



Make your own Tekken 3 mask

Bags I don't have to be Doctor Boskonovitch

Even that odd bloke next door with the funny lip can join in the great fun with our fun-to-make Tekken 3 masks! Just follow the simple instructions below to transform yourself into your fave fighter!

1. First, run the signal out of your PlayStation through a hi-spec PC, and 'grab' pictures of the glorious Tekken 3 intro sequences using a program such as

Mediagrabber or similar.

2. Now size up and print off the pictures using a high-resolution laser printer
3. And finally cut out the face you desire and stick it to the back of an empty cornflakes packet using double-sided sticky tape. Pierce the mask at each side and then use an elastic band to attach it to your head.



■ Winston even wore his Heihachi mask to meetings with the heads of the Allied forces...



Tekken 3 Party games

Too much of a div to play Tekken? Hit people instead!

What would a Tekken 3 Day party be without games? This is really more an adaptation of the game played at the famous Tekken 2 Day party hosted by Cilla Black in Battersea park, but it's still fun for young and old!

First, find someone to be True Ogre, god of fighting (at the Tekken 2 party, a blushing Dale Winton started). Now other players pursue 'Ogre', hitting him with sticks, until one gets ten hits (a 'ten-hit combo'). He then becomes 'Ogre', and the fun starts again!



■ Cilla: Tekken fiend and master of revels

Tekken 3 Cake

Cake, cake, glorious cake!

At times like this, there's nothing everyone appreciates more than a slap-up feed. And what better as a centrepiece to the spread than a special Tekken 3 cake? You can use the cut-outs below to stick on top of an ordinary Marks and Sparks cake, or just go for visual effect and stick them on a cake-shaped cardboard box!



Blah

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We've got everything on these pages from a diddle eye-joe to a damned-if-I-know. And they're all gonna make them long evenings fly by...

■ Silent thrill: She's blond and a cop, but is she gonna be much help to ya?



■ OUT JANUARY ■ BY KONAMI ■ PLAYERS 1 ■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Silent Hill

Neck a load of Imodium 'cos this is gonna be one messy nightmare...

This is one freak-ass game. It's like all the scary movies you've seen rolled into one – but a helluva lot worse.

'Headless bodies and skinless babies who hack you with carving knives. Nasty...'

Headless bodies, walls spattered with chunks of brain and skull and skinless babies who hack at your ankles with carving knives. Nasty, and that's just the start of it...

City of Lost Children

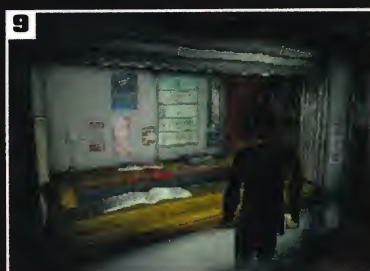
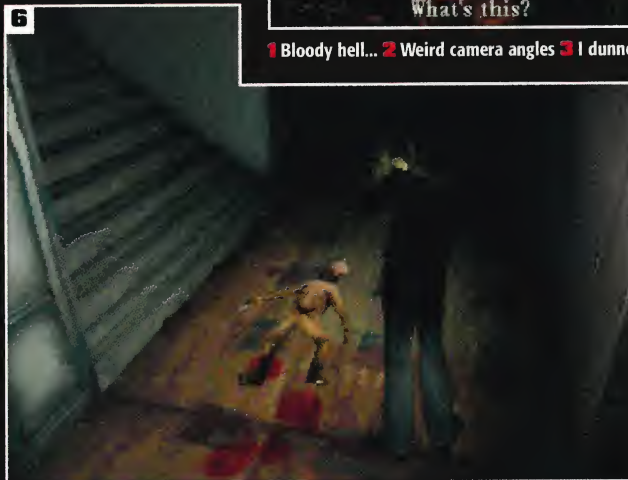
One minute everything's cool, the next you're in weirdo central. When your jeep swerves off the road and into a ditch, it's only when you come round a coupla minutes later you realise your daughter, Cheryl, has gone

missing. You've gotta get her back, before the psycho social workers track your ass down and lock you up for negligence.

Resident Raider..?

It's a Resident Evil, Tomb Raider thing. It's got Res Evil's shocks but views the action from behind the main geezer, like Tomb. And if puzzle-solving's your thang then you're sorted, but keep your reflexes keen 'cos there's a hefty whack of cap-popping too.

Nasty, scary game that old bastids'll want banned. It gets a big thumbs-up from us at the mo, though...



of an old man's hand.

1 Bloody hell... 2 Weird camera angles 3 I dunno... 4 'C'mon lady, let me outta these 'cuffs'

5 If you want your Walkman back you'd better ask nicely 6 Rattle off enough caps and the midget fraks'll eventually give in 7 This is one sick puppy of a game. Skinless babies kitted out with knives? Erk! 8 Forget the flashlight, use the gun, dumbass! 9 Hmmm, some bloke called Satan has signed in in the reception the book 10 Eat lead you littl' blood-sucking bastids 11 OK, so who's got the rest of his body?

■OUT NOVEMBER ■BY ELECTRONIC ARTS ■PLAYERS 1
■COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

Test Drive 4x4

Guitar-based rock! Big trucks! Big mountains!

Americans and pick-up trucks. If they're not piling into them with white hoods on ready to savagely beat anyone who even mentions racial integration, they're piling into 'em to race over bits of terrain that look like they've taken a pasting from heavy-duty artillery. Funny fellows, those Yanks...

Loud! And proud!

Lotsa unfeasibly rough bits of terrain. Lotsa big trucks that fairly make your heart swell with American pride. And it's all big and loud, just the way our Yankee chums like it. Smash! That's a fence gone. Mosh! That's the

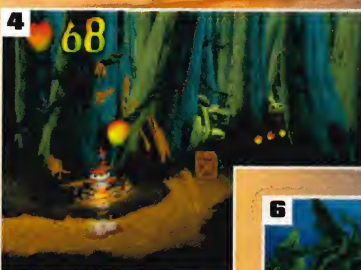
soundtrack by some buncha denim-clad greasers. Bzzz! The game even makes yer Dual Shock go absolutely apeshit...

plus Could turn out to be a laff. Could turn out to be bollocks. The suspense is killing us...



1 Large truck, lotsa mud 2 What can have happened to make the area look like this? 3 Big trucks. Bad terrain 4 Too much scenery, too much truck 5 Isn't there a ski-lift you could be using here? 6 Makes a fine off-road vehicle 7 Yup, they're Jeeps 8 Wouldn't it have been easier just to use the normal road?

■OUT JANUARY ■BY SONY ■PLAYERS 1
■COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD



1 Crash in action. Dinosaurs chase him 2 His sister rides tigers. Brave girl 3 And now he can even swim underwater... But he still just luurves apples 4 Crash walks like an Egyptian. He's almost too cool. Almost 5 And he can even do that weirdo spinning Taz shit when he's wearing an aqualung. Clever boy

Crash Bandicoot 3

'Crash 3, huh? God, no. I preferred the early stuff, before he sold out.'

People often ask how we, a bunch of guys and gals with 17 degrees, two diplomas, four knighthoods and two Victoria Crosses between us, could get into piloting some kind of orange vole through underground tunnels filled with boxes of orchard fruits. We just shrug...

Crash!

Yup, Crash is back in town. But hang on. Has he been seeing a new marsupial grooming agency? Lordy. He sure is looking mighty fine. Yup, Crash and all his chums have been given a razor-sharp new look. Matter of fact, he's almost too good-looking. Are we really

supposed to feel this way about an orange rat?

New things

The basic hole-jumping/apple snaffling formula ain't been tinkered with, but now you'll be able to use all sorta dinky little extras like aqualungs and bazookas, and the levels are kind of more 3-D-esque. And you even get to fool around with Crash's sister. And she too is one fine-lookin' marsupial...

plus Not looking astronomically different from the first two, but a bit of new icing on the cake. Could be cool...



■ Ol' Crash could write the book when it comes to style for small orange marsupials...

■ OUT NOVEMBER ■ BY INTERPLAY ■ PLAYERS 1
■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

R/C Stunt Copter

Radio-controlled flying is hard to do...

Think of the fun you could have with a radio-controlled helicopter. Now think of the cost of piling one into the ground. Not so fun anymore, eh? Still, you could settle for buzzing around on yer PlayStation.

Bird control

You're gonna need plenty of patience to play this. The idea is simple. Fly through various aerial stunt courses. Hit targets, avoid sticks, pop balloons, collect fuel. Sounds a breeze...

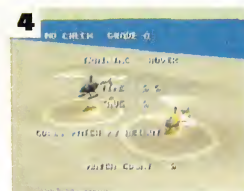
Fokking hell

Trouble is nothing has been simplified. You've gotta handle altitude, rotor angle (affects your speed) and rudder, so you'd have to be an octopus to handle this Fokker. We reckon you'll be crashing once every minute or so. Strange thing is, it's bloody good fun.

plus *Hard as hell, but each time you plough into the ground it just gets more addictive. Watch this space...*



7 All the apples you can eat. And that's quite a few 8 A new cute li'l animal to ride 9 And just a couple of moments where the cute factor manages to rise to near-fatal levels. Ughh 10 Come to Daddy. Kissy kissy



1 Fly thru hoops. Simple? 2 Think again. This game is rock. And it nags you 3 See? Again with the nagging 4 All sorta shit 5 ...Like, complex shit 6 You goin' down? 7 Time to go tits up 8 Hit barns...



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'Blast people to shit - tell 'em to puck off'



■ Bumper stars: Fasten yer seatbelts it's time for road rage in space...

Dodgem Arena

Dodgems. Crap cars that bump, they're run by evil-smelling travellers, right? Wrong...

It's the dark future. But something's wrong. No alien warlords are bearing down on earth with loads of tooled-up minions in tow. No savage interstellar war

super-souped up spacecrafty things that look nothing like dodgems. What you do is try and grab the puck, blast it into a goal floating round the raised bit and cane it back to the

'Everybody's got lasers and other stuff. Ice hockey it ain't...'

has erupted. The galaxy hasn't plunged into a new dark age. Everyone's just playing at this new sport called Dodgem Arena. Odd. What do they think high technology's for?

What the puck?

There's some pucks, a big bowl-type arena with a raised bit round the edge, and four

bottom bit to get more pucks. Everybody's got lasers and other stuff. Ice hockey it ain't...

plus Considering every other future sports game looks like footy with knuckledusters in poncey clothes, it's nice to see something a tad more original on its way. Good? Time will tell...



1 The goal kinda moves around on its own... 2 But try and shoot a puck into it, and it starts to weave around the shop 3 Time for some goalmouth wizardry, we reckon 4 The shapes of the levels varies madly... 5 And you can get a dodgem for every occasion... 6 Power-ups'll allow you to nab pucks off of people... 7 Or just blast the shit out of them...

■ OUT NOVEMBER ■ BY VIRGIN ■ PLAYERS 1-4 ■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

Rival Schools

It ain't just another day in the classroom...

Ahh, school. Some call it the best years of their lives: rest of their time wasn't up to much then, eh? But, when it comes to this beast of a game, forget about playground scraps – you'll be lucky if you don't get your head pounded in before the class bell rings.

Tag, you're it

Unlike other beat 'em ups, Rival Schools lets you pick two fighters to use. You get one at a time but can change characters if you want. And, it's possible to 'double-team' the opposition as both fighters leap in for some

killa punches or show support for their team-mate with kisses and the like.

Evolution in the head

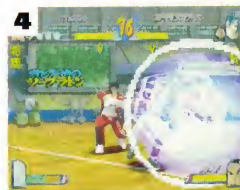
Rival Schools comes on two CDs: one is an Evolution disc for you to create fighters, set up tournaments or even go to a Rival School for fight training. There're also loads of other options to keep this game fresh for a long while.

Plus Fast, furious and full of flashy effects.

■ Would you do that at home, boy?



■ At last, an interesting science teacher



■ The volleyball mini-game is cool, if a little strange



1 Taste my flaming balls 2 Big uppercut – ouch 3 Beat me with a stick, big man 4 Huge fireballs a-go-go 5 Plenty of two girl action here, which is nice to see 6 Ooh, that's gotta hurt – nurse!



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■ OUT OCTOBER ■ BY PSYGNOSIS ■ PLAYERS 1-2 ■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

Formula 1 98 **update**

A sequel that doesn't look like it came straight out of the cloning vats? You're 'aving a larf...

Another year passes. Your liver's a bit more dead. Your lungs are now deep black instead of last year's chocolate brown. Thank God computer games don't age like people. Formula One's looking really quite well this year, and the new un's shaping up to be less like a re-tread, and much more like a whole new vehicle...

graphics're beefed up too, with spectacular weather effects and dinky extras like wing mirrors and a proper speedo...

The race is on!

So wot's new? Well, for starters you'll be able to have a race with your mate, one-on-one split-screen. You'll even be able to race with four blokes if you've got the shekels for a coupla 'Stations and a link cable...

Scream if you want to go faster...

Fast is big on the menu here, but it comes with a hefty side order of good-looking. It's loads faster than last year's effort, and the

Good looking, fast, and options coming out of its ears. Should keep speed fiends and F1 geeks indoors for weeks...



1 Skid marks Daz won't clear 2 Proper instruments and speedo displays 3 You've still gotta drive damn well 4 Nice camera angles 5 You're driving me round the bend

6 Try keeping to the straight and narrow son



■ Why do motorsports attract such big crowds?

■ Here's our new improved formula.
Look! Now with wings

■ OUT JANUARY ■ BY ELECTRONIC ARTS ■ PLAYERS 1-2 ■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

Test Drive 5 update

Bollix to yer 'Vorsprung durch' Hun motors. There're no roll bars on these bastards...



You've got yer, 'Hey I've got no problems with the size of my tool' type Fiat-micro-machine cars... and then you've got the cars in Test Drive 5. Cars driven by Americans who purposefully avoid wearing tight trousers. But controlling 'em with a joypad doesn't mean nothing bad about your trouser snake... does it?

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Super-sharp graphics brought to you by Californian computer wizards. A mondo cool split-screen racing mode. Car chases. Cop cars with flashing lights. And loud sirens. Huge big growling American racing cars. Enormous courses snaking out over the

countryside.

Yup, it's got all the ingredients you'd want in there. Question is: can they Delia Smith it up into a tasty gaming treat? Only time will tell...

Looks sweet. Early days yet, though. There's plenty time left to balls it up...



1 The bits where you get to chase perps are way cool 2 Skids can get pretty intense 3 Look... pretty lights on the car's roof. Innit thweet? 4 Grind that accelerator 5 Lessons in sensible overtaking 6 And other lessons in highly non-sensible overtaking...



■ Busted! You'll never take me alive, copper...



RE - FRESH!

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- Compatible with Dual Shock Controller for added realism and Memory Card feature to save hi-scores.



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Apocalypse

Get trigger happy with the action man...

Kill 'em all and let God sort 'em out', shouts Bruce as he chargrills a horde of ugly misfits. It's sensitive and thoughtful outbursts like these that make Mr Willis the perfect candidate for the next big PlayStation blaster.

eight long, hard levels. Top of the list has to be the nightclub, complete with disco ball and bass bins that'll blow you away.

Spray 'em

A neat control system means you can shoot

'Kill 'em all and let God sort 'em out.... If it bleeds, make it bleed some more'

Revamp

Loads of changes have been made to Apocalypse. Once upon a time you had to pump lead into fools, but there was an element of puzzle solving. Not any more. If it bleeds, make it bleed some more.

in eight directions and run around at the same time. Add flamethrowers, rocket launchers and wavy lasers and Apocalypse should pack a punch.

Loads of violence should do the job.

Way to go

Kick yer way out of a prison, wade through sewers and head for the city. This game's got



It's subtle, sensitive stuff in there 2 Yup. It's so damn emotive 3 Warning! Warning! Yank cock-rock approaching 4 Keep on runnin', Brucey boy 5 My, what big robots you have 6 The guns rock 7 ...see? 8 Ouch! Ouch! I mean no harm!

■ OUT FEBRUARY ■ BY KONAMI ■ PLAYERS 1
 ■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK

Metal Gear Solid

It's coming. It really is.
 Just be patient...

update

Have you had sex with three surgically-enhanced blondes at the same time? Maybe you've drunk champagne out of a virgin's bellybutton? OK. We're jealous. But we've seen the full Jap version of Metal Gear Solid, and you haven't. This game kicks cheeks. Full-on stealthy spying 'n' killing action. Mmmm...

back at the office phone him throughout the game to see if they can get a piece of his massive wang...

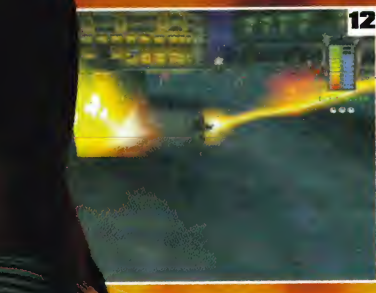
plus Even the training mode on here is ice-cool. Everything about this game oozes class. And there's gonna be even more stuff put in for the Brit version...

Get your Snake Solid

Tidal waves erupt in girls' pants when they think about Snake Solid. He sneaks about. He slits throats. He uses fag smoke to cut infrared beams. He chucks chaff grenades. He kills people as they sleep. And all the gals



1 Death's waiting just round the corner **2** A snowsuit scumbag gets ready to blow Snake a new middle eye **3** Check the surprised guard **4** Look! No Snake! **5** Hide, you fool! **6** Avoid searchlights **7** Or this happens **8** Mmm. Guns.



9 Big bombs **10** Big places to go **11** Big pain **12** And if yer normal guns don't do the trick **13** Check out this uber-cannon! **14** That's one so-called robot de-torsoed! Now for the main course!

■ It's Bruce! Well... nearly...

■ OUT OCTOBER ■ BY GREMLIN ■ PLAYERS 1-8 ■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD, ANALOGUE PAD

Actua Soccer 3

Actua Soccer 2 was kickin': time to meet its new footballing spawn — Actua Soccer 3.

We all know how 'tastic numero duo was, but the boys in the backroom have up-dated, up-rated and generally up-ed this into a post-World Cup fest of mind-boggling detail and playability. All the spoilt diving bastards are here — sorry — all the genuine world class players with their silky continental skills are represented.

Is da bigger da better ?

Well, well, that'd be a loaded question. Basically if you like your detail, you'll love this, there're over 450 teams, which to people who can't count means 10,000 players, all of whom have been checked out and rated by the scouts at Actua Soccer. You can build up your own teams, customise cup competitions and generally stay at home playing it till the police come around to check you're still alive — sound.

Travel the world with yer mates

Up to eight players can compete in 30 stadia, from the home of Manchester United PLC to Barcelona's Nou Camp. All this gumph and detail doesn't mean the gameplay has been overlooked, it's well up to its predecessors premier standards, with clear and crisp player movement aided by an all-new control system. This is going to offer a right load of footballing moves.

plus Too early to tell, but at the end of the day the lads will give it 100 per cent. And this should be another top game, Brain...



1 Go Spunky. Go Spunky 2 Damn those Frenchies 3 Sicknote playing — my God 4 Look familiar? 5 Dig that green mist, or is it tear-gas? 6 Go on, miss so-called garlic man 7 Go on smash it! 8 Hail the Messiah 9 What a lovely view, fancy a pie?

■ Batty's penalty lessons were crap

■ Hope the hot water's on for Viera's early bath

■ Alan Shearer: captain of England and an interesting personality...

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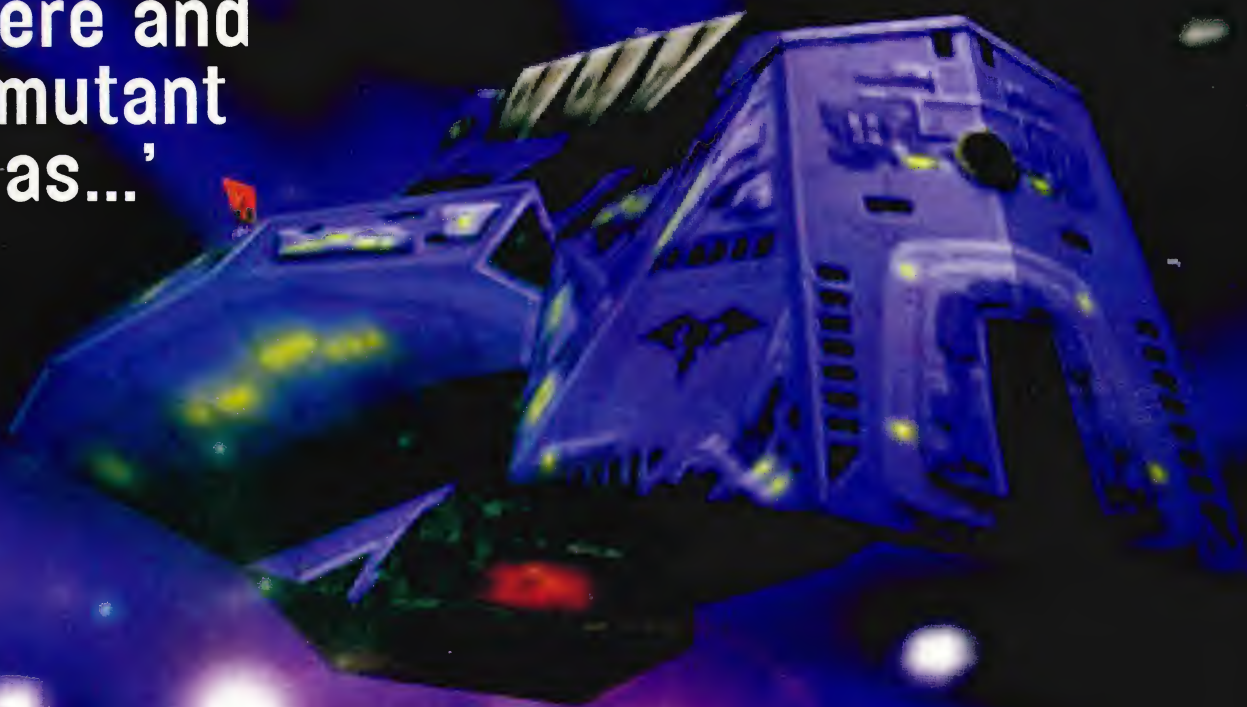
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'Get out there and slaughter mutant alien muthas...'



Star Control 4

There's nothing quite like the odd interstellar war to liven up a quiet evening in...

Deep space is a nasty place to be – bastid aliens, killer meteors and not a kebab shop for miles around. Good job you've got your handy S-reg space carrier to get around in or you wouldn't have a chance. Take your pick from three vicious alien races, choose your ship and then get out there and slaughter some mutant alien muthas – all in a day's work really...

Me alien, big gun

It may be the usual deal: galactic conflict against enemy races but this is better than most. Star Control 4 features a choice of starships, fighters and missions (from killing another race's leader to blowing up entire planets). And there's a developing storyline, so what you do in one mission decides what happens next. Gorgeous effects, smooth graphics and even in-screen contact with aliens make this one to look out for.

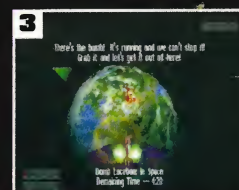
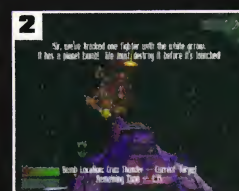
Popping down the Co-op

And mates can play along too in either Co-op or Hypermelee mode. Co-op launches a fighter from your ship the other guy can use to help you out or take out nearby enemies. But Hypermelee is all-out blasting: blowing the shit out of your friends has never been so much fun.



■ Apparently, this bloke is your leader. Hmm, slimy. But show some respect

plus Could well be the definitive space blaster, and a must for explosion fans.



1 Whopping spaceships ahead! 2 See this guy? He's got a bomb... 3 So blow him up, take the bomb... 4 And then drop it on his planet 5 Result, one alien ass, extra crispy

Colony Wars: Vengeance Update

'Use the Force, Luke...' 'Shut it! Do you want to get us sued?'

More space war. Worm holes are involved. A man called Kron throws in his tuppence worth. Lasers that

moment. New stuff that's been added includes a beefed-up storyline, and missions where you're over planet surfaces. And you

'Massive depth, killer gameplay and a scorching space opera soundtrack'

make that kind of 'tzzzip' noise do their little bit. There's a cast of thousands. And you have to kill most of 'em. If that doesn't sound good to you, you must be a bit odd. Like, really.

Space is the place

Fing is, it ain't just killing. There's plenty of out-in-the-void massacre action, mind, but you're gonna have to do a whole lot of mission-y kind of stuff as well: escorting convoys, mining crystals, defending reactors – the full space war shebang. It's looking plenty tasty at the

better watch out for those bastard hard mechanised insects...

PLUS This 'un's got massive depth, outrageously sexy graphics and killer gameplay. And an absolute scorcher of a space opera soundtrack. Coming your way soon...



1 'Our sensors show some kind of mechanised insect is approaching fast!' **2** And those sensors aren't wrong... **3** Kill the giant spaceship. You may be small, but you don't care



'The full space war shebang — it's looking plenty tasty'

■ OUT NOVEMBER ■ BY VIRGIN ■ PLAYERS 1
■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

Megaman Legends

'Hey, Megaman's back in town!' 'Who?'

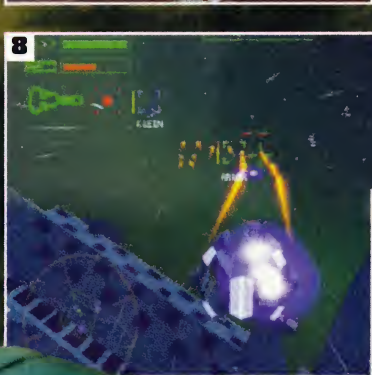
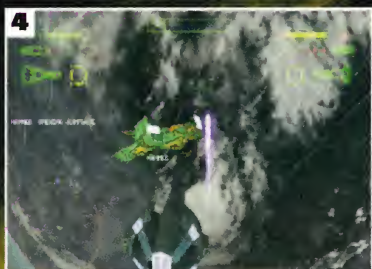
Megaman staggers out on to the worldwide stage for one more outing. He's been on the road so long, and he's so damn tired. Why don't people in the West love him like the kids back in Japan? Errrr... that would probably be because he's shit. But perhaps maybe the boy done good this time. Maybe.

Big eyes!

Cute till you puke is the name of the game here. You're a big-eyed young fella, with a big-eyed chick in schoolgirl cossie (natch), and you got to adventure your way through a technicolour 3-D landscape, talking to lots of nauseatingly little cute folks, blasting robots and solving little mini-missions as you go.

Fun? We think we'll reserve judgement on this one for now.

(PLUS) *This isn't the game that'll break the bank at Monte Carlo. But maybe it'll be OK. We ain't holding our breath.*



◆ Defend the crippled battleship against the marauding hordes of baddies ◆ Mine some crystals... then back to massacring... ◆ 'Cos, you can do other stuff, but killing's like... your vocation, innit? ◆ Use yer grappling hook to drag the spaceships off their collision course ◆ Then back to massed space war. So much more fun than the diplomatic solution ◆ That's you, that is. Fearless defender of liberty and democracy, or something ◆ Death to the bastard pig-dog lackeys of the Tribe! That's them, that is...

1 Captain! The cuteometer! She cannae take it! 2 A big robot! Lock your ickle gun on it and let rip! 3 A little robot! Lock your... you get the idea 4 The old woman's hubby is down the mine 5 Try and rescue the schmuck 6 Cute cartoony bits are cute 7 Explore. Talk to folks. Find out what to do next...

■ OUT FEBRUARY ■ BY EIDOS ■ PLAYERS 1 ■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

Michael Owen's World League Soccer 99

New and improved. And now with added Michael Owen on the box!



World League Soccer 98 was glacially cool. But just for the hardcore. If you knew the age, scoring record and shoe size of every striker in Britain before you could talk, WLS wuz the game for you. Packed fulla detail and busting at the seams with nifty moves, it was just that teeny bit hard to get your teeth into. A year passes. WLS strolls back into town. But something's changed...

Wussup with the 99 shit?

So what's the new, gleaming and quite possibly improved version of WLS got that it's so pleased about? For starters, it's got a new arcade mode which is simple enough for those of us who ain't been 'revising' out of old copies of Match. It's looking sweet. But even sweeter is the sim mode, which now has 25 different moves, razor-sharp graphics, and deeper than deep gameplay...

***plus** Looking tastier than tasty pie. Better start brushing up on yer black belt footy tactics now...*



1 Graphics are gonna drip sex... **2** And the list of moves is just about endless

3 Master those Zen footy tactics now **4** 'Cos you're gonna need 'em **5** Unless you play arcade mode for the hard of thinking **6** 25 all-new moves **7** And all your fave footy teams are gonna be up-to-date **8** With all the right names this time round



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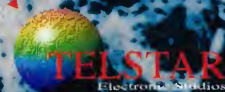
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D.I.R.T

So if this game came in a box, would that be, like, er, a...

Take one large measure of dirt. Add several bikes, large. Spread dirt into a pleasing ring-type shape with ups and downs for decoration. Now start up the bikes, and you'll have a delicious 'ass-kicking dirt bike race'. Here's one we made earlier...

'There's a real dirt biking feeling with mucho opportunities to go tits up...'

Kickstart

'Cos it's not actually based on any real championship or courses, D.I.R.T includes some pretty unlikely looking tracks. And, the thing is, it ain't just the tracks that are looking mighty fine: the backgrounds are pretty finger-lickin' excellent too. So when you're catching a bit of air off of a jump (like you

do), it's pretty picture postcard fine up there. Nice one.

Dirty dancing

This ain't one of yer-bike racing efforts where you're ridin' around on what's

basically a very thin car: there's a real dirt biking feel to the action here, with slip slidin' a-plenty and mucho, mucho opportunities to go completely tits up...

plus As long as they can add a bit more variety into the final version this looks like it's gonna be a good 'un.



■ At this point you'd probably shout 'Hey! Big air!' If you were a Yank. And a dickhead...



■ Thrills, spills and other stuff. Motorbikes, eh? The fun we have...



1 Two-player mode Tasty 2 Thrills 3 ... and spills 4 Get out on the highway 5 Eat my dust 6 Burn rubber, big man... 7 Proper two-player shit

■OUT FEBRUARY ■BY ELECTRONIC ARTS ■PLAYERS 1-2
■COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

Big Air

There's the far-off sound of surf punk. It can only mean... yup. More snowboarding.

There's one problem with the snowboarding games you get on the PlayStation. Thing is, snowboarders are kinda meant to be the über-cool daredevil heroes of the counterculture. But on the 'Station they look like muppets with funny heads. This Is A Bad Thing. But with this fine-lookin' effort, it's all gonna change...

Board stiff

Boarding fiends are gonna weep with joy. Big Air gives you a massive 100 different boards

to slip down the slopes with, and hundreds of different authentic outfits to do it in. Like, if realism's your thing, get set to tremble.

And once you're out there on the snow-covered peaks, there're literally hundreds of real snowboard tricks to pull off, all put in there by real snowboarders. Ones that would probably be — gasp! — 'dangerous' in real life. All this authenticity! We feel quite faint...

Plus! Looking hot to trot. This 'un could burn 'em up. We'll keep you posted...



1 Pull off tricks to gain friends and influence people 2 Or balls 'em up and look like a tosser
3 Catching some of that all-important air... 4 Slip-slidin' 5 Skim that powder 6 Ooh. Nice moves...

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■ OUT OCTOBER ■ BY ACTIVISION ■ PLAYERS 1 ■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD, ANALOGUE PAD

Tenchu: Stealth Assassins

Silent but deadly. Enter the world of the ninja...

Ninjas have had a rough time on the 'Station. They look cool but get shoved into sucky games that insist on giving them sappy magic spells and dumbass monsters to fight. Tenchu is having none of that, its ninjitsu masters are completely realis-

evil merchants, infiltrate spooky cults, and even save a top-looking princess, all in swanky 3-D. There're also shitloads of ninja fashion accessories like swords, mantraps, mines and smoke bombs, as well as a grappling hook for yer Spiderman moments.

'Creep up behind a victim, and hack their head off, it's tense and tactical'

tic – but still maintain a well 'ard image. This also manages to be one of the most original games yer 'Station's ever seen.

Ronin around

Ninja's job description: be shit-hot at killing and be very quiet about it. Tenchu covers this in what must be the first ninja simulator. Taking the part of the macho Rikimaru or slinky Ayame this game is super-cool with no stupid demons to fight. Instead you get to assassinate

Stealth fighter

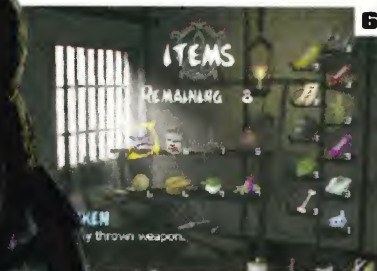
This ain't some dumb beat 'em up. If you wander around in plain sight the bad guys'll spot you: you have to be quiet and sneak about. Sword fights only happen if you cock up. So creep up behind a victim, and hack their head off. This is tense, exciting, and tactical.

plus *Totally original and cooler than funk. You're guaranteed to enjoy it.*

■ Stress at work caused Mr Ninja's hair to grey..



1 Macho or sexy – the choice is yours **2** This chump has no idea you're hiding behind the wall **3** Never turn your back on a ninja **4** Ignorance ain't so blissful **5** He knows you're there now



6 The ninja aisle at Safeway **7** Your sudden appearance has really thrown him **8** The stuff in your Ki meter means this guy hasn't seen ya yet **9** This complete cult breathes fire on yer **10** These foreign scum are packing heat **11** The money shot

■ Don't harm the civilians

Brian Lara Cricket

Batty boy action for stroke players

Ah, just in time for the Ashes, and knowing us it'll be a welcome antidote for a pitiful performance against the Aussies. So the best line of attack will be to sink into the sofa and re-write the history books, with us shitting all over the others. So we punish them for the bare-faced cheek at being better at the game we invented.

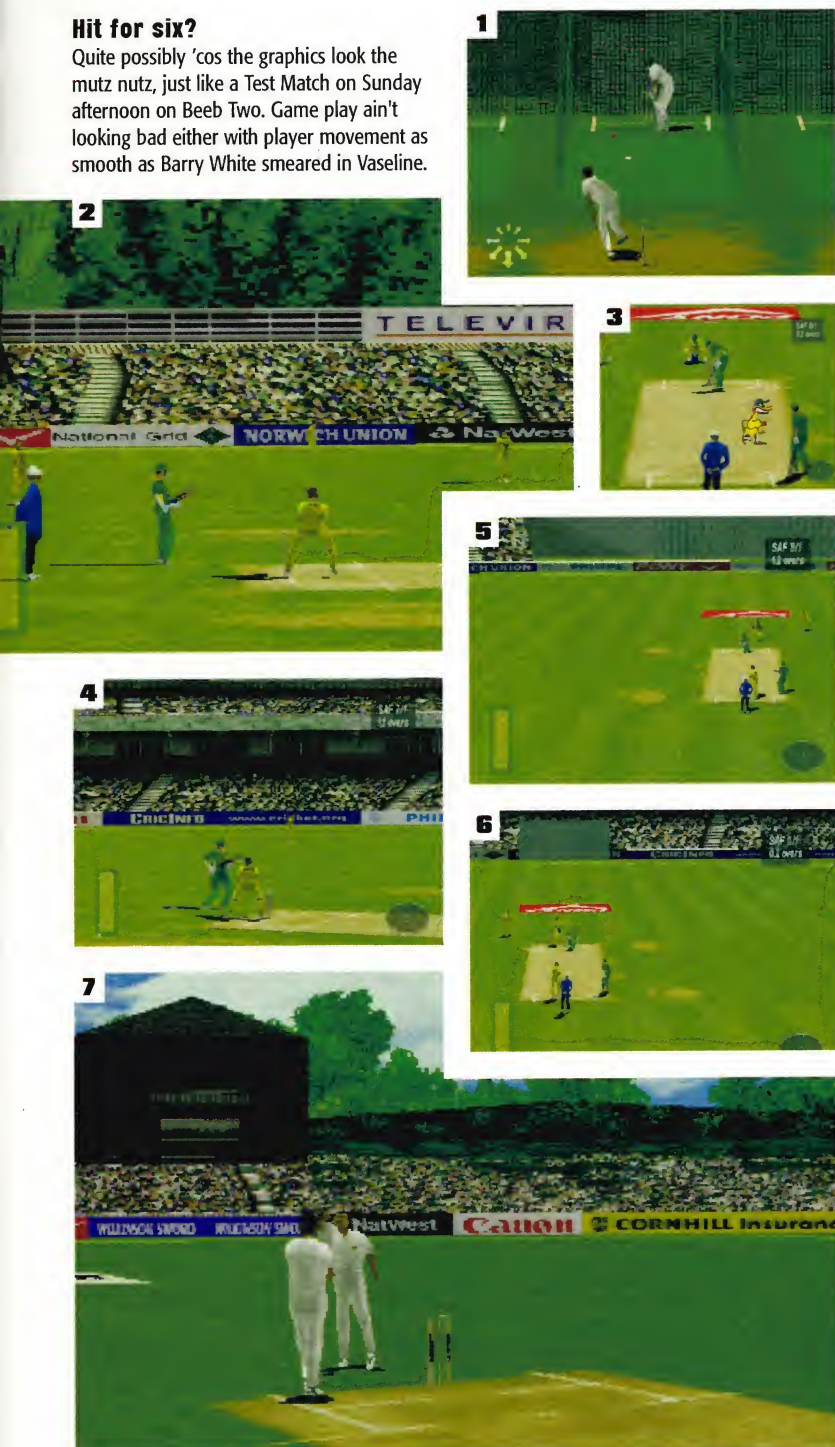
Hit for six?

Quite possibly 'cos the graphics look the mutz nutz, just like a Test Match on Sunday afternoon on Beeb Two. Game play ain't looking bad either with player movement as smooth as Barry White smeared in Vaseline.

There's a choice of matches and different bowling and batting moves to keep you entertained till the Ashes come home.

Which, let's face it, is going to be a very long time.

plus Looking as if it'll be a prayer answered for cricket fiends everywhere...



1 In the nets – where you practise 2 Even the choice of a pyjama strip to play in 3 It's a duck, geddit?
4 In the box means something different here 5 As does getting out 6 Howzat? 7 Not bad



TENCHU 天誅

STEALTH ASSASSINS

Shed blood with discretion and move without detection in the shadowy world of Japan where only the unseen survive. Take on the role of a ninja who must master stealth, strategy and cunning to stay alive.

Enhanced from the highly successful Japanese release, Tenchu sets a new benchmark in action/adventure games.

LIVE BY HONOUR

KILL BY STEALTH



Unique scoring rewards your stealth and cunning



Twenty two weapons range from ninja swords to magic spells



Unparalleled enemy AI

■OUT TBC ■BY SONY ■PLAYERS 1-4
■COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD, MULTITAP

Tribal

Beat 'em ups go in for four-play to add some extra spice...

A gathering of tribes for a bit of a beat each other up. Aren't future pastimes gonna be fun? Tribal takes place in 3-D arenas so it's a beat 'em up with a difference: these ain't no ordinary scenarios you find yourself fighting in, there're loads of obstacles and hurdles to contend with.

Like violent chess

There are combos and characters to learn and master with the added bonus of moving around scenes and chasing the opposition before you get to fight 'em. Tribal is going to be kind of like chess with running, fighting and fisticuffs.

Teenage kicks

The storyline's based around a group of futuristic teenagers who decide to revitalise an ancient fighting competition.

There're six modes to try including the four-player. You ain't gonna get bored.

plus Enough levels, characters and intrigue set this up as one to watch.



1 3-D fighting in the arena! 2 Some squares give you help 3 That's for yer stupid haircut 4 The crotch thrust in full effect 5 The Sigie Sigie Sputnik mode's a scream 6 Take your partners for the next battle, please 7 Fight me! 8 More crazy arena larks

■OUT NOVEMBER ■BY SONY ■PLAYERS 1
■COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

Spyro the Dragon

Cute alert! Get the sick bag ready as Spyro comes to town.

It's happened to us all a million times before. You pop down to the shops to pick up a bottle of Vimto and when you get back, your whole family has been frozen in crystal by an evil bloke ready to take over the world. Duh. Better crack open that bottle of Monster Repellent, Spyro...

It's a gem

Along with setting your folks free from the evil spells of Gnorc the Gnasty (no, really) there's plenty of other stuff going on for Spyro to contend with. Each world is full of vicious monsters all ready to take a chunk out of your scaly purple arse. Plus, there're chests to break open, loads of gems to collect and little fairy girls ready to help you out. If you want to do really well though, you'll catch the thief in each level who's been

nicking all of Spyro's eggs. But isn't Spyro a boy dragon?

Great balls of fire

If Spyro's gonna stand any chance against the big boys, he'd better be packing some serious firepower... literally. Thanks to a vindaloo binge last Thursday, our little dragon friend can spout a huge spread of flames out of his nose to deep-fry the bad guys. He's also got a pretty mean headbutt charge and when it comes to jumping, Spyro can glide to safety with the help of his little wings. Believe us, he's a clever one...

plus Looks like a kid's game but from what we've seen, it has enough challenge to trouble even the best players. Should be a goody.



1 The Misty Bog is a dangerous place 2 The guys with cattle prods are dodgy 3 The flying levels are timed and difficult 4 Watch out for the robot men 5 Well, hello... 6 One flame-grilled froggy coming right up 7 It's an old man with a stick - stay out of his way 8 If you want to get anywhere, get all the gems quickly, little fella...



■ Sometimes it can all get a bit too much for the purple geezer. Oh well, better keep trying...



■ OUT OCTOBER ■ BY ASCII ■ PLAYERS 1-4
■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Master of Monsters Disciples of Gaia

It's a monster game, but that's only 'cos it's got monsters in it...

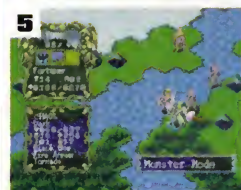
Apparently this was a 'Sega Genesis classic'. The Sega Genesis was a small, hairless mammal that became extinct because it had no balls. 'Classic' is the term used by scientists to describe said creature's turds. And now, on with the game...

yer enemies. Take over more towers, build yer powers and create more monsters. There's more than 40 maps to master, including specially designed multiplayer lands. Great!

plus *What we've seen so far is as slow as an old dog with no legs and as good looking as road accident. Still the four player may – just – wet yer whistle.*

What's the idea

Occupy towers on a map. Create monster armies and send 'em out to do battle with

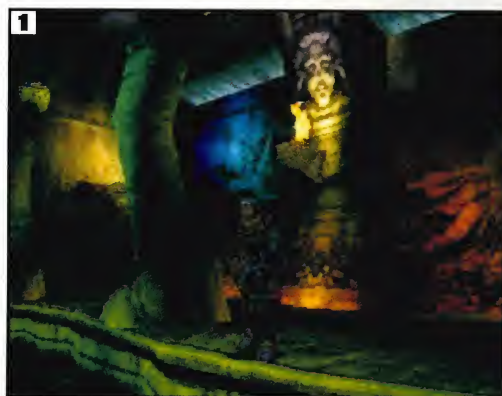


1 Red dragon meet green dragon 2 The penis mightier than the sword 3 League tables less interesting than Division four 4 The game board 5 The map 6 The player 7 The fight 8 The throw 9 The end

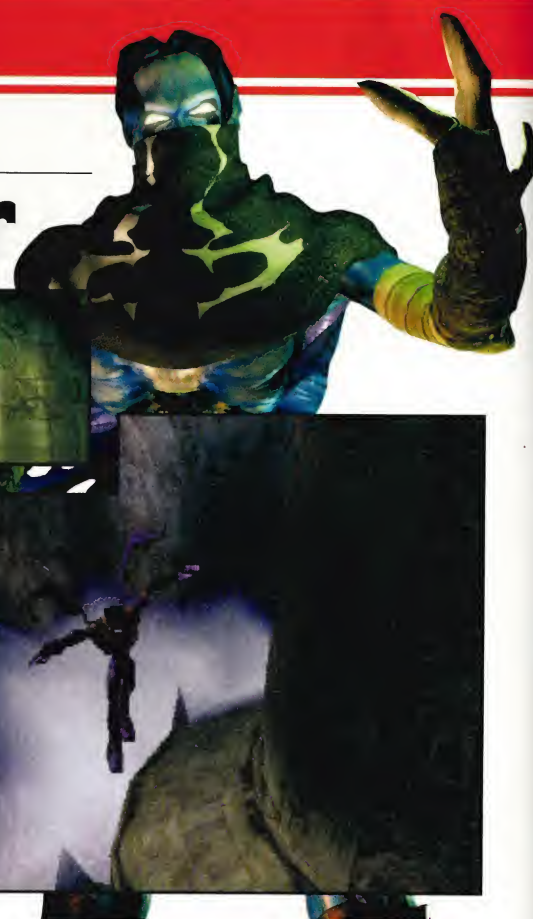
Legacy of Kain: Soul Reaver

We've been playing a little demo of Soul Reaver, and now we've finished wiping the stains off the walls, we can report that it's looking drop-dead fabulous. The graphics are so sexy it hurts, and yer hero, vampire bloke Raziel, can do some gut-wrenchingly nasty finishing moves on whatever unfortunate bastard walks into his path. If just hurling them screaming off cliffs doesn't suit you, why not spear them in the guts, lift 'em high up in the air and wave 'em around?

In case you missed us talking Soul Reaver before, we'll give you the lowdown: this is the sequel to the vampire-fest Legacy of Kain: Blood Omen, where you played Kain, sucking an entire mythical land dry of blood to get revenge on the folks who killed you. Kain's the baddie now, but the bloodsucking's the same, and the spells, soul-devouring and chappie-chopping look a whole lot tastier. This is gonna be bonzer. We mean it.



1 Raziel ponders Kain's strange sense of interior decoration
2 'Hmmm. Very nouveau gothic,' he muses
3 Raziel: now with wings
4 Raziel devours souls like we devour fast food. Except even messier...



Rugrats

By: THQ Out: Dec

They're the Saturday morning cartoon characters who the phrase 'lovable scamp' was invented for. And if that phrase don't have you sticking your fingers down your throat, you might actually like the game. Rugrats is gonna be a full 3-D scamparama, with loads of varied action based on real actual episodes of the programme. This may not be one for you, but buy this for a sprog you know. They'll love it.



Who's been wetting the floor then?

South Park

By: Acclaim Out: Dec

Yup. It's those not-quite-as-good-as-the-Simpsons-but-still-pretty-funny cartoon lads. And they're coming to the 'Station. The hot news is the little funny fellas in the game will look exactly like their TV counterparts, and the game itself is sounding like it's gonna capture all the belly laffs of the real thing...

OUT FEBRUARY BY PSYGNOSIS

Lemmings Compilation

If you're already going misty-eyed about the thought of saving little lemmings from an untimely death, then you're showing your age. This 'un's gonna be a compilation of all those ancient Lemmings games where

you guide a load of helpless lemmings across a landscape trying to stop 'em from doing what they really want to do - which is top themselves. Sounds weird, but it's incredibly addictive. Go get it, Grandpa!



Snow me the way to go home

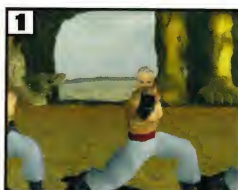


Suicide rates were still high... and rising

OUT FEBRUARY BY THQ

Shao Lin

Shao Lin's gonna be your chance to ruck your way through most of the population of feudal China. Up to four players will be able to dust ass with you, picking off up to seven bad-asses all on screen AT THE SAME TIME. Cool! At your disposal will be 12 characters representing six martial arts styles, and what's cool is, as you move through the game you'll learn new moves off a kung-fu master...



1 Oi! Wot you looking at? 2 Judo... chop! 3 They've all got the same tracksuit!

Devil Dice

By: Sony Out: Summer

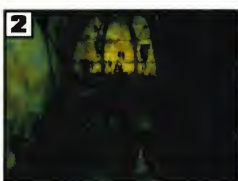
Tetris had you tearing your hair out. With Devil Dice, you'll be pulling out clumps of brain. You've got to roll dice to match sets. Sounds simple? Think again...



You have, indeed, gotta roll with it

Shadow Man

More voodoo. This 3-D adventure-action effort's set in modern day New York, and you play this English Literature grad who's acquired the ability to travel to Deadside where he becomes a bona fide voodoo god called Shadowman who's fighting a coming apocalypse. Lucky man. Most English graduates only seem to be able to ponce around in black polo necks talking shite all day...



1 The graphics on this 'un are looking mighty fine **2** And all the locations look like how they are in the comics Shadowman's based on **3** Sacks o' atmos! Sacks o' suspense!

Point Blank 2

By: Sony Out: 1999

If you ain't already got the ace shooting-gallery gunfest Point Blank, go away and buy it now. Then you'll be looking forward to Point Blank 2 as much as us. Numero deux's gonna feature 70 gallery's worth of cute fairground animals, targets and even leaves to shoot. And there's a split-new party mode that'll allow eight people to play at once. Tasty.

Gran Turismo 2

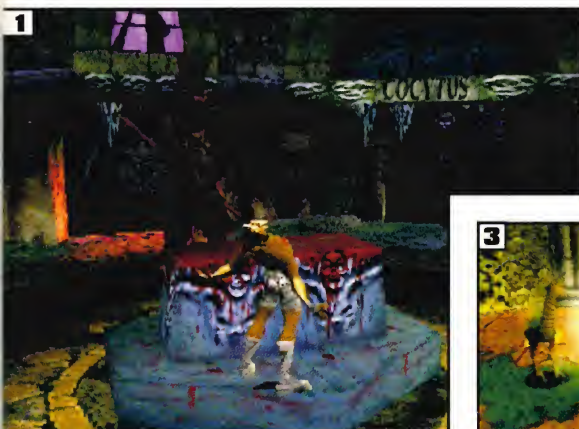
By: Sony Out: 1999

Yup, there's gonna be a sequel to the best driving game in the world. And it's looking like it's gonna kick ass. There's gonna be more cars, more tracks, improved graphics and they've even added Lamborghinis into the mix. Can't complain. If this does manage to be tastier than number one, our social lives are gonna be in shreds for months...

Akuji the Heartless

Akuji's looking like it might be very tasty, very sweet. It's a 3-D adventure where you're a spell-slinging voodoo priest who can possess folks, engulf them in flames or just twat them with good old, plain

voodoo fists. And why? 'Cos you're dead (but still pretty frisky) and you got to take horrible vengeance on yer voodoo priest brother who ripped out your heart on your wedding day. Heartless bastid.



1 Voodoo priests. They do things a bit different from the Church of England **2** Chop! Rend! Slice! **3** And that ol' faithful voodoo feeling...

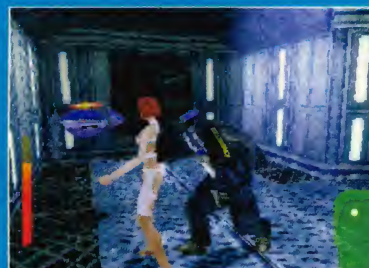
Release dates

Wanna know what's coming out when? No probs. Just check out our extensive list of release dates. But before you go rushin' off with yer cash, check with yer shop. These dates have a nasty tendency to slip...

RELEASED	REVIEWED	RELEASED	REVIEWED
2 SEPTEMBER		7 OCTOBER	
TOCA Touring Car: Platinum	91% September 98	Buggy	78% September 98
4 SEPTEMBER		16 OCTOBER	
The Fifth Element	79% September 98	C3 Racing	
Ninja: Shadow of Darkness	89% September 98	18 OCTOBER	
11 SEPTEMBER		C&C Red Alert: Retaliation	92% September 98
San Francisco Rush	48% September 98	21 OCTOBER	
Tekken 3	96% September 98	Actua Golf 3	
N2O	89% August 98	28 OCTOBER	
18 SEPTEMBER		Actua Soccer 3	
R-Types	81% September 98	Pocket Fighter	82% September 98
Breath of Fire 3	84% June 98	31 OCTOBER	
Duke Nukem: Time to Kill	89% September 98	MediEvil	92% September 98
Constructor	88% September 98	20 NOVEMBER	
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Victory Boxing 2		27 NOVEMBER	
Mortal Kombat 4	74% September 98	Pool Hustler	
Biofreaks		1 DECEMBER	
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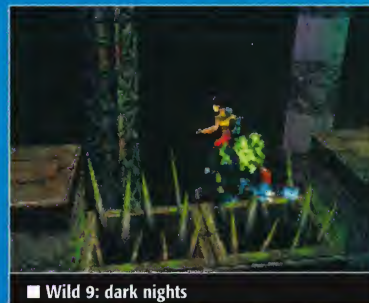
TOCA touring Car: hard rights



The Fifth Element: nasty tights



Tekken 3: brutal fights



Wild 9: dark nights



Actua Golf 3: fore sights



MediEvil: big frights

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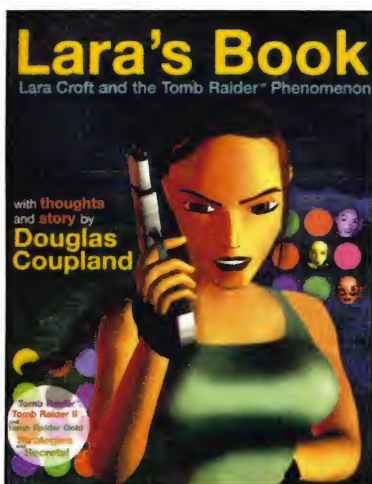
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Lara under the covers

Have her on your coffee table

Last month we told you all about Lara's Book, the new coffee-table decoration. The tome comes courtesy of top wordsmith Douglas Coupland (the man who wrote Generation X). This month we've had a chance to take a full good long look at Lara's Book, and its many and varied pages. And what's our reaction? Well, we can tell you it's... um, well, 'arty'.



■ Our favourite ever cover girl

It's goyush

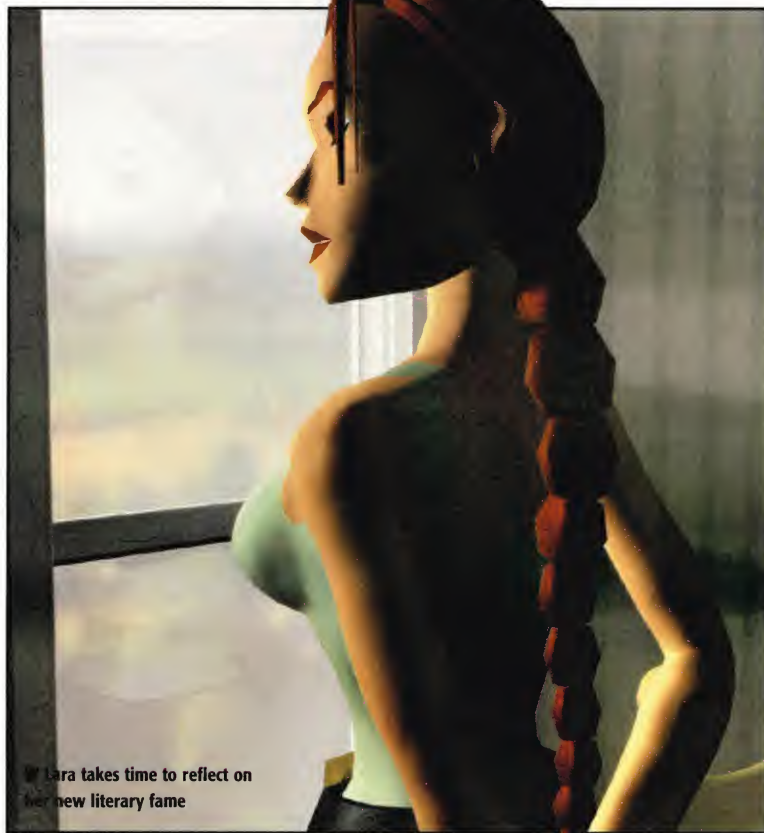
Basically the book is a right hotch potch of different stuff. Included are full walkthroughs to Tomb Raiders I and II, as well as a new Lara story, written by Coupland.

You've also got a section crammed full of pictures (very gorgeous) with abstract Lara-esque comments (stuff like, 'I wonder, what is she thinking?' Er, yes Douglas), and interviews with the games creators (interesting fact: Lara was originally going to be called Lara Cruz).

Deep stuff

Be warned, though. The emphasis here is on pretty design, arty graphics and 'profound' statements aimed at enlightening us on the nature of Lara's popularity. As a result it's quite fussy and even the game guides are designed in such a way as to make them virtually useless.

Still, if it's loads of pictures about Lara you're after, and the odd juicy fact (did you know for instance that Lara's blood group is AB negative, that she's a 34D and her favourite food is beans on toast?) then you could do a lot worse. Lara's Book is gonna set you back £15.99 and it's published by Prima Publisher.



■ Lara takes time to reflect on her new literary fame

Honest, guv

Would we lie to you?

■ Since we get three billion letters a day asking about the PlayStation 2, we thought we might as well pass on the latest rumours. At the moment that's all they are, though.

The latest is PlayStation 2 is called 'T-Rex' at Sony, and won't make an appearance until 2001 in the US.

It's thought Sony will announce more info the day before Dreamcast's release (November 20).

When is a gun not a gun?

Shooting stars are just like the real thing

Ever wondered why you can't buy lightguns that look like guns? We have, and we've always reckoned some law must prevent peripheral people from making 'real-life' style weapons.

We were wrong. Previously, the manufacturers have been wary of realistic guns, fearing retailers might refuse to sell them. But, in an experimental move, Fire International produced the Scorpion lightgun in real-life colours and sent them to retailers along with a green version.

Naturally, the cool silver beast flew off the shelves and with that in mind Fire have gone on to produce more. Now, waiting in the wings is an awesome Nu-Gen gun (with recoil), so it looks like the days of silly sci-fi efforts may well be over. Thought we'd share that with you.

► The Nu-Gen with recoil: check out the review in next month's magazine



Metal Gear and over here

ISS Pro 98 has been delayed a weeny bit. But there's a good reason. Not only is the game good enough to wet yourself over, but it will come complete with a playable demo of what is expected to be the BEST game ever: Metal Gear Solid.

And while we're on a Metal Gear Solid tip, the UK version of the game is set to have a whole load of changes and new improvements made. Good, eh?

Expect it to hit the shops around next Easter.



■ First shots from what's touted as the best game ever - MGS

Price drop

Cost is gonna shock ya

■ If you've been living in a wheelie bin for the past month, you may have missed the fact the PlayStation has dropped in price AGAIN. Previously the machine would set you back £129, but at the new price of £99.99 you'll get the console and a super-smooth dual shock pad.

'But what does this mean?', say media analysts. It means you can save enough for a really top-notch curry, we reply.

Games are also dropping in price – often victims of poor sales. Tommi Makinen Rally had its price slashed to £19.99. A result of poor critical reception.

VIVA V98

■ Take That geeza Mark Owen played in the celebrity football match at V98 as part of the Viva Football team. They lost. Maybe Michael Owen would've been a better bet...



■ Mark then started trying other careers

Stuff we couldn't keep to ourselves

■ **Danger Girl** is a third person adventure featuring a team of well foxy girls who get up to all kinds of dangerous tricks and stuff in their quest to fight evil. So, a whole load of Lara Crofts then? Sounds interesting. *Danger Girl*, which is based on a comic, should be available sometime next year. *Spart*.



■ Ridge Racer 4: Better than the best?

■ **Soul Calibur**, the planned sequel to Soul Blade is scheduled for a Japanese/USA release sometime next year. It's coming to arcades dead soon but we know hardly anything about the 'Station game, except to say that Yoshimitsu (from Tekken) will be a secret character.

■ **Street Fighter Alpha 3** has been pencilled in for release early next year in the US. All we know at the moment is that the game will feature some of the characters in the rest of the series. But then, that's hardly a surprise.

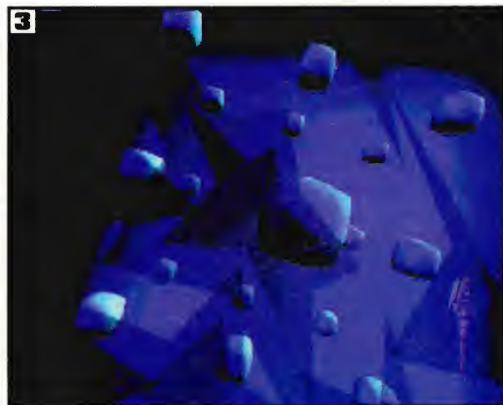
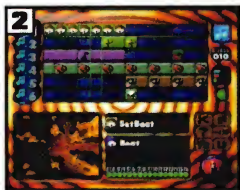
■ **Star Ixiom**, a sequel to *Star Blade Alpha* is in the works. Since it's the baby of ace developers Namco (*Rage Racer*, *Tekken* etc) it's got to be pretty shit hot. Few details are available at the moment, although it will have three modes: training, command and conquest.

The beat's in yer bedroom: it's DIY tune time...

Music is basically a 16-track mixing desk giving the user the opportunity to piece together samples from a library of thousands and create their own track. In addition to a huge archive of potential samples Music also allows you to create your own samples, meaning it should appeal for experienced

All my own work

The package has loads of possibilities, and one idea is users can send memory cards off to the developers and have the tracks pressed onto a CD. Other ideas include memory cards with extra samples, and a commercially-released CD of the best tracks. Music should be out in November.



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when your body craves more? Here's some everyday situations. And how to turn them into adrenalin-fuelled rollercoaster rides to danger.

Risky?



■ Listen carefully. You might even hear the sound of arteries clogging...

Lesson one: At dinnertime

In this day and age, everyone's eating sensibly. Not you, danger junkie. To get max thrills out of something so mundane as eating you need to make each mealtime count. Crank up that cholesterol, smoke a fag between mouthfuls and make sure you wash the lot down with at least six cans of strong beer. Do this enough, and you too can experience the buzz of a high-speed trolley journey through hospital corridors on your way to surgery. Maybe even a tube up your Jap's eye if you're lucky...



■ Water sensible way to fill yer face



Risky?



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Risky?



■ You risk addict, you

Risky?



■ Go and be safe...

Risky?



■ Or don't say sorry...

Risky?



■ Nice, but sadly no danger

Lesson two: Going home

How much would the special lady in your life love it if you returned home all smiles and bearing a bouquet? She'd be over the moon, of course. But not very exciting, is it? Instead, why not light the blue touch paper without retiring to a safe distance by rolling in half-cut, with a couple of mates, a load of beers and shouting. 'Get the PlayStation on babe, you can make up a four for Micro Machines!'

Lesson three: 'Another one mate?'

'What you having?' He says, standing to make his way to the bar. Sure, your girlfriend's waiting at home, having cooked a 'special' meal. And, sure, it'd be all too easily to do the sensible thing and leave on time. But where's the danger in that? For pure nerve-jangling action, you need to down at least another three, wait till that 'special' meal's good and cold – and then go home.

Risky?



■ Look at the tats on that

Risky?



■ Safe. But just a smidge dull

Risky?



■ Action, and plenty of risk

Lesson four: Work to do

Surfing deadlines is a pure rush. Trust us, we know. And you too can experience that thrill. Don't just sit down, ignore distractions and get on with your work, that's far too safe. Let yourself be distracted. Move objects around the room for no reason, pick up the PlayStation, watch rubbish TV, just DON'T DO YOUR WORK... and look forward to the adrenalin rush when your boss nails your trouser meat to the desk.

■ Lots of work, no thrills

Lesson five: Getting a tattoo

To get your body permanently marked with the name of your beloved is a loving and beautiful gesture. And one she's likely to treasure for the rest of your life together. So, just imagine how dangerous it'd be if you get marked with the name of another woman. Just think how angry she'll be. Oh, that thrill of the chase. The sheer rush as she pounds your head into the floor, then begins to sand down your work of art with a Black and Decker.

Risky?



■ You complete banker?

Risky?



■ Much better...



Lesson Six: How to spend a windfall

Let's say you've come into some cash. Most ordinary folks would spend a bit on themselves, buy some gifts for friends and family and put the rest in an interest bearing savings account. But if you're used to capping zombie ass round the streets of Raccoon City, that's just a tad too cautious. Instead, experience unadulterated pant-wetting terror by taking a trip to the bookies. No studying the form for you either. Just pick a name 'because you like it.'

The Works: Abe's Exoddus first look

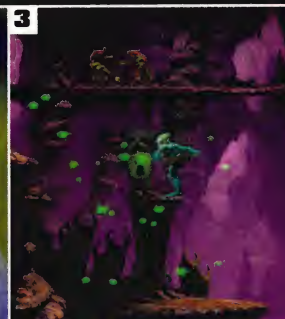


■ Sure, he looks ugly, but this guy can fart to command. Pretty cool, eh?

Abe's Invasion...

He farts, talks crap and drinks booze. No, it ain't your girlfriend telling her mates about you, it's Abe. And if your world turned green for his Oddysee, check out his Exoddus...

Just who is Abe? In case you missed Abe's Oddysee (the first game) the hero's a little green guy called a Mudokon who lives on the planet Oddworld. For his debut, Abe freed the slave Mudokons from the clutches of the evil Glukkons. And guess what? These bastards are up to their nasty tricks again, using Mudokon bones to make their booze. Heads up Abe, it's time to puzzle, jump and fart your way to freedom...



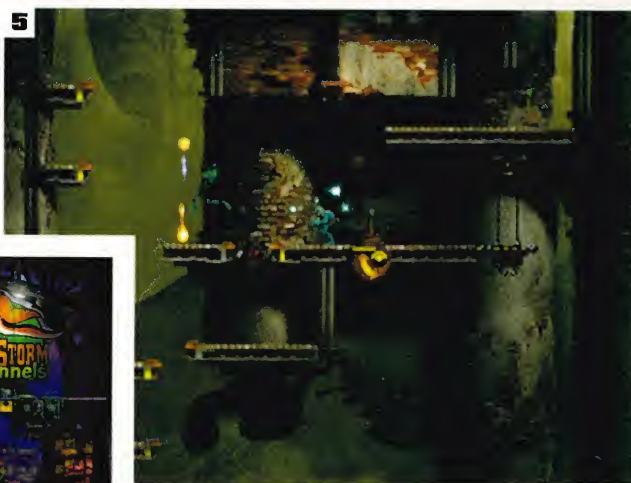
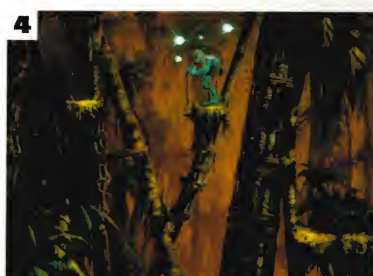
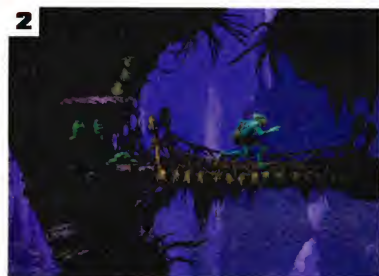
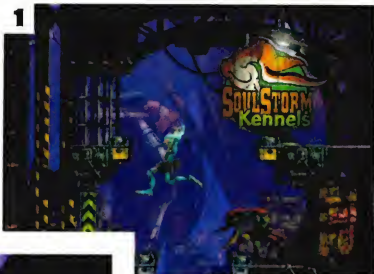
1 They don't look so pretty when you see them from the inside 2 Mudokons go mad for laughing gas 3 Abe's possession chant is back in Abe's Exoddus 4 And so's a whole load of lever pulling 5 Levels are dark 'n' moody... 6 And filled with danger

The Works: Abe's Exoddus first look

Gameplay

Just like Abe's Oddysee before it, Exoddus is about using your bonce. It's all to do with working out the best way to get through a level — and that takes grey matter. Then, as well as the usual platformy stuff to jump on, you get the ability to speak so you can communicate with other Mudokons. Then there's the chant you have, and you can use this to possess the enemy. And to survive in Oddworld you'll need all the powers you can get...

1 Yup, there'll be jumping galore in Oddworld **2** And naturally the bone dome'll be pegging it away from the nasty monsters after his ass... **3** And needing to make tricky leaps from platform to platform... **4** Still, you've got yer chants to help you out of a tight spot... **5** As well as the handy portals



Enemies # 1 Glukkon

These geezers are the Gestapo of Oddworld. But don't worry too much, they're 'armless'.



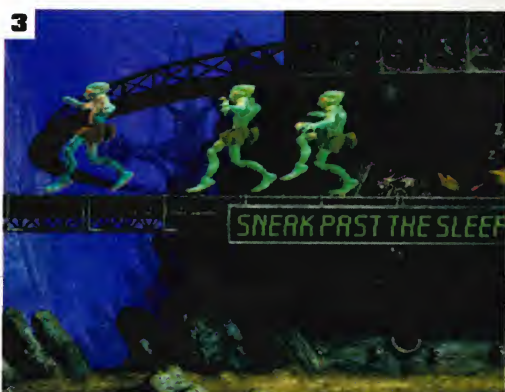
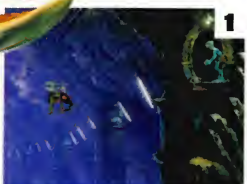
Enemies # 2 Scrab

Not the friendliest of animals. If one of these brushes up against you, check yer leg's still there afterwards.



Changes

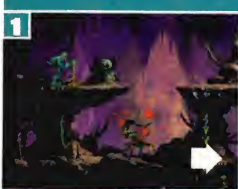
If you've sweated your way through Abe's Oddysee, you'll want to know what's changed. The blokes behind Exoddus listened to what you lot had to say about Oddysee, so they've added more gamespeak for a start. They've also made it possible to possess almost all the enemy characters, instead of just the Sligs. There'll be tons more movie sequences, shedloads more characters, and — wait for it — exploding farts. Oh, and did we mention the game'll come on two CDs?



1 More changes equals more enemies. Check out the flying Slig for a kick-off **2** You can possess that bad boy, as well as loads of other characters in the game. Tons more than before. Cool or what? **3** More gamespeak means more mates. And in Exoddus, you'll need loads of help to solve puzzles **4** Our baldy green buddy's gonna have more powers to deal with, too

Puzzles

Statistics show over 80 people died of Abe Frustration Syndrome in the UK alone last year. The symptoms? Large, scabby growths around the mouth and eyes, followed by excessive vomiting, massive internal bleeding and death. What caused this hideous end was Abe's huge frustration factor: in order to solve a puzzle you usually had to die first. And that ain't good. Fortunately for Britain's A&E departments, the puzzle element's been fine-tuned this time around. Is this the end of Abe Frustration Syndrome? We'll see...



1 See that lever? You'll be doing a whole load of pulling them levers... **2** As well as diving in and out of chutes... **3** ...And pulling yourself up and down on the moveable platforms. But if all this sounds a bit too familiar, don't worry... **4** 'Cos there are loads of different sorts of puzzles to solve too. Like this one where you have to marshal your Mudokons to make it outta there

'This game's a real trouser-tenter'

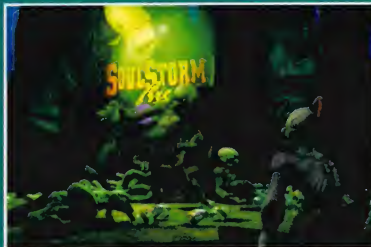
What we like

Sensayuma

Abe ain't your normal platform hero. This guy's got a personality. And better still, the whole thing's got a well-developed funny bone. The movie bits are stuffed full of gags, and wait till you see the Mudokons fighting among themselves...



■ In the game this is pure comedy



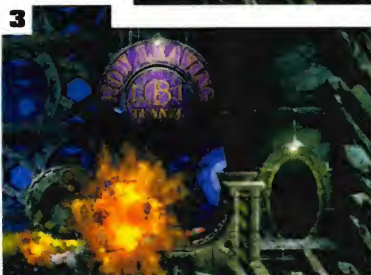
■ Abe's buddies get pissed. Pure comedy

Graphics

The geezers what make Exoddus used to work in Hollywood, so that's what accounts for Abe's purty looks. Yup, Abe one had smooth graphics and creamy movie scenes and it looks like Abe two's gonna be a real trouser-tenter too. Yummy.



2



3



4

1 Backgrounds are looking superb 2 This time round, you'll see all kinds of Oddworld characters up to all kinds of nastiness 3 And who can resist a fine-looking explosion? Go on, given the choice would it be prime explosive action like this? or... 4 The gorgeous Cindy Crawford. Yup, the explosive action gets our vote, too. No, really...

Enemies # 3 Slig

Remember these fellas? Nasty machine guns, clanking mechanised legs, 'that' laugh when they cap your ass...



Enemies # 4 Flying Slig

New to Abe's Exoddus. Sadistic versions of yer common Slig with rotors for airborne bombing raids.



* 'Being strange' is a new crime, currently only an offence in Solihull

Possession

If you were to stand in the street humming and rubbing his hands together, you'd probably be arrested under suspicion of 'being strange'. When Abe does it though, he can possess pretty much anything he wants. In the first game, Abe could only possess the Sligs. Handy, sure, but wouldn't it be cool if...? So this time around his powers are stronger and all kinds of Oddworld creatures will fall under his spell.



1



3



4



2

1 For a start, the bone-headed one can take over the flying Sligs... 2 Then use 'em for an overhead bombing campaign 3 Your chant comes in useful for all sorts of merry-making. But beware... 4 Remember the eyes in the sky? That's right, these guys are still around to burn yo ass if you start your strange palm rubbing business. Careful...

The Future

Abe's Oddyssey was always planned as the first game of five — a 'quintology'. Exoddus isn't actually the next game in the 'quintology', that'll be Munch's Oddyssey, due to appear in the year 2000. Instead, Exoddus is more of a sub-game that allows the makers to introduce stuff they didn't have room for in Abe's Oddyssey.

Munch, though, will be radically different from both the Abes games. For a kick-off it'll be in 3-D and we do know it's far too advanced for the current PlayStation. Like Abes, Munch will have its own sub-game, and so will every game in the quintology. Each game will tell us a bit more about Oddworld and its characters. Plans for Oddworld films are also in the pipeline, so get set for an Abe invasion.

■ Get used to the sight of this little guy. You're gonna see a lot more of him and his Oddworld mates in the future



The Works: Abe's Exoddus first look

■ The Mudokons were rightly famous for their radical insomnia cures

Enemies # 5 Paramite

Like yer girlfriend's fat best friend, these blokes are very ugly, always hungry and they hate your guts.



Enemies # 6 Slog

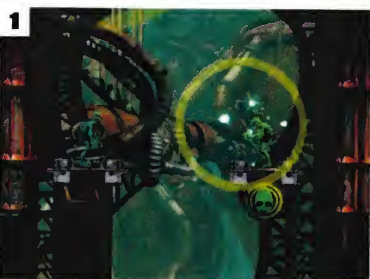
Vicious doggies things that'll tear you limb from green limb. Your only chance is if you've possessed a Slig and got yerself a gun.



'Wait till you check out the exploding farts!'

Gamespeak

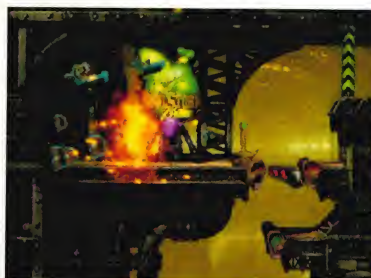
One of the best ideas in Abe's Oddyssey was the gamespeak: talking to the other Mudokons to get their attention and stuff. In Exoddus, Abe can now talk to more than one character at a time with his new command, 'All o'ya!' He's also been given an anger/slap command, a 'sorry' when he upsets his Mudokon mates, and a 'work!' to help him solve puzzles. Not only that, but since he can now possess characters like the Glukkons, you get gamespeak for them too. There's a whole lot of gasbagging to be doing in here...



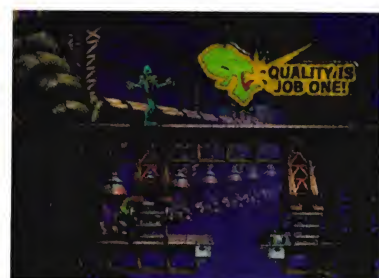
1 Just like in Abe's Oddyssey, being nice to your fellow Mudokons can sometimes get you special powers 2 You'll need to use new gamespeak commands to keep your mates in line. And that means stopping them from getting their asses kicked 3 And helping them out of sticky spots 4 Make sure you apologise if you piss off your fellow bonedomes

Story

Abe's gotta save his buddies again. This time the shiny-headed one travels to Necrum with a load of mates to visit the Soul Storm Brewery. It turns out the Mudos are being held as slaves to manufacture the booze, and to keep them in tow the Glukkons have got them all hooked on the stuff. Whenever Abe comes across boozed-up Mudokons with hangovers, he's gotta sober them up. But then he discovers one of Soul Storm's secret ingredients – Mudokon bones. And there's worse still to come...



■ The story starts in Soul Storm Brewery in Necrum. Abe gets separated from his mates...



■ And he's gotta fend for himself against the Glukkon armies...



■ And hungry Paramites out for an Abe appetiser. Get outta there!



■ Still, he's gonna need the other Glukkons to help him out of sticky spots

plus

We'd like to say...

Abe's Oddyssey fair knocked our socks off when we first saw it. Not only was it a corking platform game, absolutely chock-full of ideas and brimming with big laffs, but it had good characters. Strong characters are what it's all about in Oddworld and if the blokes behind the game have their way, we can expect to see loads more of 'em in the future.

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QUE FREAK, IF SEEN DO NOT
RESTRAIN HIM, MAIM HIM.

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TEKKEN 3: PART II

DETAILS

GAME: Tekken 3
PRICE: £44.99
COMPANY: Sony
REVIEWED: September 1998
SCORE: 86%
VERDICT: Best beat 'em up money can buy

MOVES KEY

■ All moves listed assume you're facing to the right and using the default button settings.

□ – Left Punch

△ – Right Punch

× – Left Kick

● – Right Kick

SS – Sidestep before pressing the buttons.

WS – While Standing. Press the buttons as you stand up from a crouching position.

/ – use one of the buttons on either side of the slash.

EXTRA TIP!

Get set to nosh down on the killer moves for the rest of the characters in Tekken 3, as we stuff napkins down our shirts for part two of our guide. First, though, a little aperitif...

OVER THE COUNTER

■ Counter hitting is a major part of Tekken 3 – if you can pull one off, you've got a huge advantage over your opponent. There are two types of counter-hit: minor counters (which are done by hitting your opponent as he recovers from a blocked move and causes 25% more damage

than usual) and major counters (done by hitting the other guy as he goes to hit you, causing 50% more pain than before).

Both throw your enemy into the air, which gives you the perfect opportunity to pummel him some more, just for the sake of it...



■ One from under the counter and as they come to land beat 'em some more

BEGINNER

JULIA CHANG

■ The Native American is back, but this time in the form of Michelle Chang's adopted daughter Julia. With more moves, speed and power than her mother, this is the one to go for if you're fed up with your regular fighting bird. She's a tad tricky

too, as she's got a few moves that can be done over and over without being caught out with a quick punch or kick from the other bloke. Make sure you use her speed to your advantage and Bob's your uncle – instant win.

THE BASICS

1. BOW AND ARROW KICK

□ + ● ×

ULTIMATE CANNON

△ + × □

2. HIGH RISE PUNCH

△ + △ □

G-CLEF CANNON

□ □ □

RAZORS EDGE

↓ + ● □



■ The high/low kicks combinations are going to confuse as well as hurt



■ If the first hit connects, the second is guaranteed to floor 'em

You've waited a whole, long month for this. It's the final part of the greatest damn guide for the greatest damn fighting game ever...

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POWER MOVES

HEAVY UPPERCUT

➡ + ◻ + ○

PALM EXPLOSION

➡ + ◻ + ◻

1. LIGHTNING BOLT

⬇ + ◻ + ◻



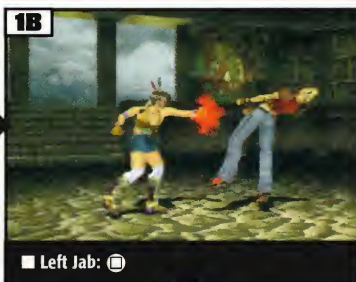
■ The Lightning Bolt is nastier than the Palm Explosion but harder to pull off

KILLA COMBOS

6-HIT RAZOR EDGE COMBO



■ Slash Uppercut: ○ ○ ◻



■ Left Jab: ◻



■ Razors Edge: ⬇ + ○ ◻

5-HIT TOWER OF BABEL COMBO

7-HIT NATIVE AMERICAN COMBO

Flash Uppercut:
Right Jab:
Party Crasher:
Elbow Skyscraper:

➡ + ◻
➡ + ◻
➡ + ◻
➡ + ◻

Slash Uppercut:
Left Jab:
Party Crasher:
Elbow Skyscraper:

○ ○ ◻
◻
➡ + ◻
➡ + ◻

HEIHACHI MISHIMA

■ Seeing as he's the one responsible for running the whole Tekken thing, you'd be right to guess he's a bit of an expert when it comes to a good old fist fight. Taking a mixture of moves from Paul Phoenix and Jin (his grandson), he's a nasty

powerhouse with some vicious kicks and blasting punches to boot. A word of warning however, just don't make fun of his hair, or his pimp jacket for that matter, or you'll be in for a serious kicking... And be warned he knows how to give it out.

THE BASICS

1. HELL AXLE

⬇ + ✕ ○

SPINNING DEMON

⬇ + ◻ + ○ ○ ○

DEMON UPPER

Add to the end of the Spinning Demon ◻

DRAGON UPPER

Add to the end of the Spinning Demon ◻

TSUNAMI

Add to the end of the Spinning Demon ○

2. GET A STOMPING

⬇ + ○



■ Like Hunting Hawk, but not as powerful



■ Hard foot stomp onto a floored opponent

POWER MOVES

LIGHTNING HAMMER

⬇ + ◻ + ○

HEAVY POWER PUNCH

⬇ + ◻ + ◻ + ◻

1A, 1B. DEMON MASSACRE

➡ + ◻ ◻ + ◻ + ◻



■ Punching combo...



■ ...Ending in a massive uppercut

KILLA COMBOS

5-HIT FIST OF FURY COMBO



■ Twin Pistons: ➡ + ◻ ◻



■ Demon Slayer: ◻ ◻ ◻

4-HIT STEEL FIST COMBO

5-HIT BANISHMENT COMBO

Demon Uppercut:
Left/Right Combo:
Right Kick:

➡ + ◻
◻ ◻
○

Demon Uppercut:
Left Jab:
Demon Slayer:

➡ + ◻
◻
◻ ◻ ◻

GON

■ For a secret character, Gon is a bit of a dull cop-out really. There's a good reason we say this with such authority – most of his so-called moves are mindnumbingly boring and the ones that are any good nearly always tend to be blocked. Not good. In fact, the only major point in his favour is that

he's virtually immune to his opponents' throws. If you really want, you could keep trotting out his flaming breath or tail spin moves all day but in the end is that going to help to make you a much better Tekken player? No, not at all my fighting friend – you'll just look shite, that's all.

THE BASICS

DEMON GONFIST

↑ or ↓ + □

1A, 1B. ROLLING SKY HEAD-BUTT

→ + □ + △ + □ + △

SPIN CYCLE

→ + △ + ×

2. HELICOPTER TAILSPIN

← + × + ○

ROLLBACK ROO KICK

↓ + ↑ + × + ○



POWER MOVES

FORWARD FIRE

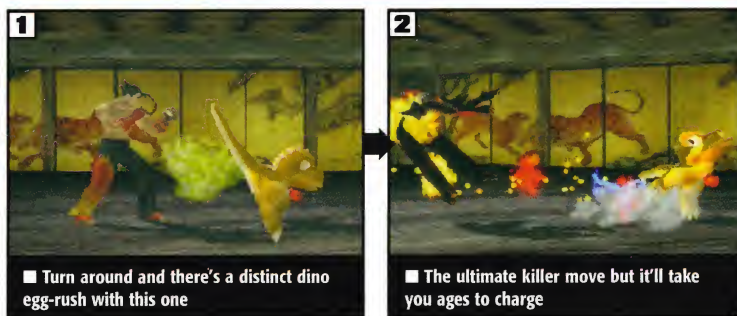
□ + △

1. DINO FART

← + ○

2. SUPER SOMERASAULT HEAD-BUTT

□ + ○



KILLA COMBOS

3-HIT HELICOPTER CRASH COMBO

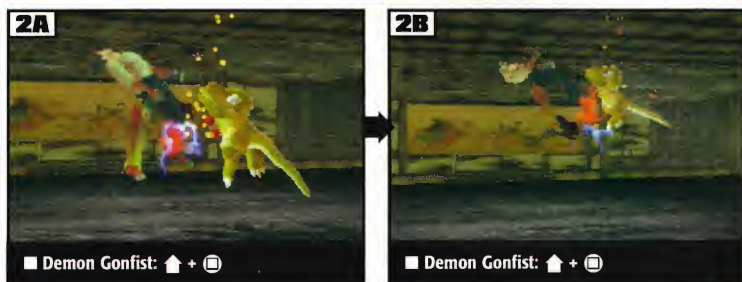
Leaping Hop Kick:
Helicopter Tailspin:

↑ + ○
← + × + ○

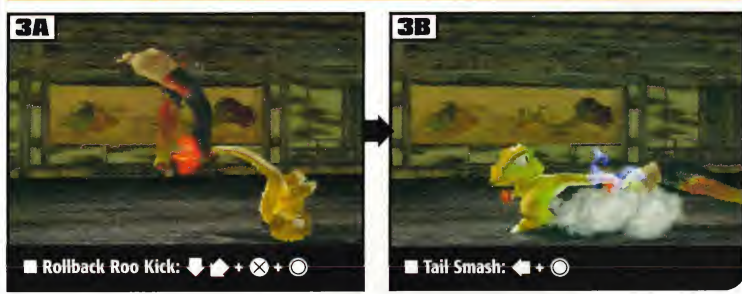


■ When Gon gets his dino chopper out no man or woman is safe from harm...

2-HIT BIG CHIN COMBO



2-HIT KANGAROO COMBO



INTERMEDIATE

BRYAN FURY

■ Bryan is the kind of character picked by mean and evil bastards. Why? Because his moves are punishing, he's got speed and power at the same time and he laughs scornfully when he makes mincemeat out of the enemy. He's an evil dog, OK?

But that's kinda why we like him – catching people with his mach breaker or meteor smash is possibly the most satisfying thing we've ever done. Keep on top of the fight and you'll end up pounding the opposition into the ground.

THE BASICS

VULCAN CANNON

↑ + □ + △ + □ + △

SPINNING ELBOW

→ + □ + △

1. FLYING KNEE KICK

← + ○

FISHERMAN'S SLAM

WS △ ← + △

2. MACH BREAKER

→ + □ + △



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POWER MOVES

METEOR SMASH

← + □ + ○

HEADHUNTER

SS □

1A, 1B, 1C. LAIR'S DANCE

□ ○ △ □ △



■ Big hitting combo of punches and kicks



■ That first off stun your opponent...



■ And then send him reeling to the floor. A result

GUN JACK

■ The robot with the big heart is back... no, not Metal Mickey, thank God. This is Gun Jack and he's got a whole heap of new moves that can knock holes in absolutely anything. OK, so he's quite slow and his size means it's easy for people to hit him

but we really don't care! His powerful moves (especially his huge punches) make up for this – so much so a fight can be over before it's even started! Just get out there, throw those fists around and there's no stopping you.

THE BASICS

MEGATON PUNCH

← → ↓ ↑ + △

DEBUGGER

← → ↓ ↑ + □

1. CROSS CUT SAW

→ → + □ + △ + △

DOUBLE HAMMER

□ + △ □ + △

2. SUMO STOMP

↓ + ○



■ If the high hit is blocked, the low will usually hit



■ Use it on a downed opponent to really hit them when they're down

POWER MOVES

DARK GREETING

↓ + ○ □

1. WIND-UP PUNCH

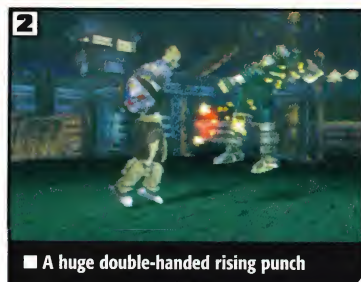
360 degrees x5 □

2. DOUBLE AXE

↓ + □ + △



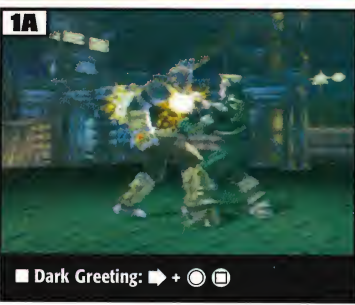
■ If you can land this, it's all over



■ A huge double-handed rising punch

KILLA COMBOS

2-HIT TRUCKER COMBO



■ Dark Greeting: → + ○ □



■ Debugger: ← → ↓ ↑ + □

4-HIT MAPLE SYRUP COMBO

4-HIT CLAMP COMBO

Double Axe:
Right / Left Combo:
Pancake Press:

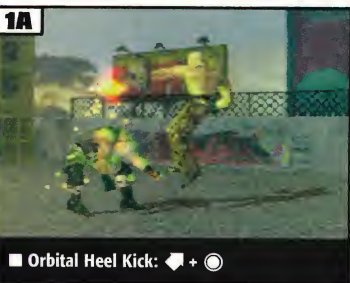
↓ + □ + △
△ □
↓ + × + ○

Killing Uppercut:
Double Right Jab:
High Cross Cut Saw:

WS □
△ □
→ → + □ + △

KILLA COMBOS

5-HIT ORBITAL SMASHER COMBO



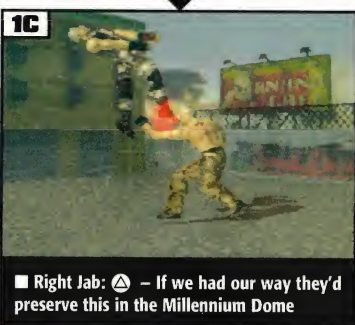
■ Orbital Heel Kick: ↓ + ○



■ Rush Punches: □ △ □



■ This one starts with a major uppercut and ends up with a kick in the teeth



■ Right Jab: △ – If we had our way they'd preserve this in the Millennium Dome

4-HIT SHARPENED TEETH COMBO

5-HIT SLAM-O-MATIC COMBO

Rising Uppercut:
Wolf Bite:

WS □
← + △ □ ○

Fisherman's Slam:
Running Blind:

WS △ ← + △
□ ○ × □

ANNA WILLIAMS

■ Once again, Nina's sister is back to make trouble for the Williams family. However, unlike the arcade version, she's actually got some moves of her own she pulls off, as well as most of Nina's. She's not quite as fast, as powerful or even as tricky as her

sister but don't let that fool you – beneath that red dress lies... actually, we don't want to think about it. If her ending is anything to go by, it all leaves very little to the imagination... But she does pack one helluva punch.

THE BASICS

BITCH SLAPS

← + □ □ □

1A, 1B. CAT'S CLAW

← + ○ ○ ○

STILETTO FLIP

↑ or ↓ + ○

2. RISING PALM

↓ + ○ + ○ + ○

3. WINDMILL

SS □ + ○



■ One-leg pose into a thrusting kick ready to strike out and...



■ Take that. A bitch fight with some angry young ladies



■ Catch them under the chin with this one, a velvet glove hides an iron fist



■ Wave those arms! Go on slap that bitch up, go on!

POWER MOVES

BLOODY SCISSORS

↓ + ○ + ○

RED BOMB

→ + ○ + ○ + ○

1. GROIN THRUST

↓ + ○ + ○



■ A swift jab to the nether regions. Painful

KILLA COMBOS

3-HIT OVER THE TOP COMBO



■ Chin Bash: ↓ + ○ + ○ + ○ + ○



■ Standing Reverse Arm Lock: □ × ○ □



■ Reverse Double Arm Lock Toss: △ × ○ + △ × ○ + ○ □ + △

3-HIT CRUCIFIXION COMBO

Chin Bash: ↓ + ○ + ○ + ○ + ○
Side Arm Bar: □ + × ○ □ + △
Inverted Crucifix: ○ × ○ × ○ × ○ + ○ + △

4-HIT ESSEX GIRL COMBO

Stiletto Flip: ↑ + ○
Left / Right Combo: □ △
Stiletto Flip: ↓ + ○

EXPERT

MOKUJIN

■ Yes, that's right – he's a wooden dummy. We don't know why, and to be honest we don't care – all we know is he's the ultimate expert character. Why? Because he's got all the moves for ALL the characters in the game... but not all at the same time. Each round you fight as him he'll change into

a different character, giving you a whole new strategy for that particular battle. Basically, if you don't know how to play as every single character in the game then you're going to be buggered big time. If you do, then here is one excellent chance to really show off.

WOOD YOU BELIEVE IT?



■ C'mon, leaf it out



■ You're barking up the wrong tree there, mate...

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KUMA / PANDA

■ Kuma and Panda are the basically the same character, they just wear different costumes (hit **△** / **△** for Kuma, **×** / **×** for Panda). But to be honest we prefer Panda but only because she's so damn cute. The whole bear thing is a bit of a problem though because despite their bear-like

size, both characters are just a bit shite. They don't really have many good moves, only a couple of interesting combos and... well, to be frank, that's about all. You should give her a go though if you're damned bored or you just fancy showing off to yer mates a wee bit.

THE BASICS

1. DOUBLE CLAW

→ → + **△** / **×**

2. GRIZZLY CLAW

← ← + **△** / **×**

DOUBLE HAMMER

△ + **△** / **×** + **×**

DEMON UPPERCUT

→ → + **△** / **×**

3. YOU'RE WELCOME

△ + **×** + **×** + **△**



■ A big swipe with both claws



■ Like Jack's Megaton, only not as good



■ Annoy the other bloke with this

POWER MOVES

1. SALMON HUNTER

← ← + **△** + **×**

DEADLY CLAW

← ← + **△** / **×**

2. FATAL WIND

← ← + **△** + **×** + **△** / **×**



■ Big pause (ho, ho) then a huge right claw to his bear-chops



■ A massive blast of big bear fart that wipes out everything. Cool

KILLA COMBOS

2-HIT V-BALL COMBO



■ Demon Uppercut: → → + **△**



■ Grizzly Claw: ← ← + **△** / **×**

2-HIT CROSS COMBO

Deadly Claw:

Double Hammer:

← ← + **△** + **△**
△ + **△** / **×** + **×**

4-HIT KILLER CLAW COMBO

Right Uppercut:

Double Right Jab:

Double Claw:

WS **△**
△ / **×**
△ + **△** / **×** + **×**

→ → + **△** / **×**

OGRE / TRUE OGRE

■ Even though he's the last boss, Ogre and True Ogre are a bit of a let down. They've got no speed and because they're so large, hitting them in the gob – or anywhere for that matter – isn't much of a problem. And before you say anything, no –

hitting someone five times in a row with the blazing inferno ISN'T a combo. Basically, Ogre and True Ogre are only really for when you've got bored of all the other characters. Hell, we'd choose Mokujin over them and that's saying something...

THE BASICS

HUNTING HAWK

← ← + **△** + **×** + **△** / **×**

DEMENTED SNAKE

→ → + **△** + **×** + **△** / **×**

1A, 1B. INFINITY KICKS

WS **△** + **△** / **×** + **×** + **△** + **△** / **×** + **×** (repeat **△**)

TOOTH FAIRY SPIN

→ → + **△** + **×** + **△** / **×**

2. TAIL SPINNER

→ → + **△** + **△** / **×** + **×** + **△** + **△** / **×** + **△** (TRUE OGRE ONLY)



■ Keep pressing **△** for infinite kicks



■ Hurting your opponent and your thumb



■ Nasty moves that take out the other bloke's legs

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POWER MOVES

 +   +       +      



■ **Long, painful kicking attacks**

KILLA COMBOS



■ A blow to the guts is going to hurt...





■ Followed by a swift Irish whip...



1-HIT GYMNAST COMBO





Bad Stomach:	⬤ + ⬤
Irish Whip:	⬤ + ⬆
Cartwheel:	⬆ + ⬆
Elbow Drop:	⬆ ⬆
Taunting Doctor:	⊗ + ⬤


(leaves you Supercharged)





2-HIT ENGLISH PRIDE COMBO

Bad Stomach:  + 

Irish Whip:  + 

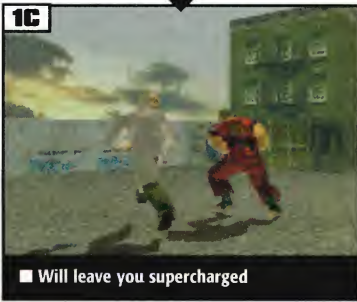
Elbow Drop:    + 

Kingstep:  + 

Running Bulldog:    



■ A two-hit leaves them feeling shit



■ Will leave you supercharged



■ This rising sun is gonna hurt some

🏠 2-HIT RISING SUN COMBO

Bad Stomach: □ + ●
Irish Whip: □ + △
Elbow Drop: △ △ □ + △
Flying Cross Chop: ⊗ + ●



■ 'Don't fancy yours much'

USE THE FORCE

■ If you want to play as Doctor B, you're going to have to play through Tekken Force Mode lots of times. This can be tough, 'cos it's quite hard to

complete without snuffing it at least once. That's why we've taken the time to give you a little bit of advice on what you should be doing...



■ **This section's not too taxing, really**



■ But don't break out the champers yet...



■ 'Cos it soon gets reeeeeeally tough. And you go through all this for that Doc?

■ The best characters to choose are Paul, Law, Jin or (God forbid) Gon. That's because they've got a few power moves that can be repeated over and over to pound Heihachi's army down. If you're clever then you'll be able to get through the whole thing using only one move (say, using Paul and pressing **X** to do a hard spinning kick to the chops of every enemy).

■ **AREA ONE - BACKSTREETS**
Lots of Crows, but nothing too taxing.

■ **AREA TWO - BADLANDS**
More Crows, as well as tougher Eagles.

■ **AREA THREE - DARKNESS**
Crows and Falcons come out of nowhere.

■ **AREA FOUR - MISHIMA FORTRESS**
Owls can take two hits and gang up on you. The boss is always Heihachi.

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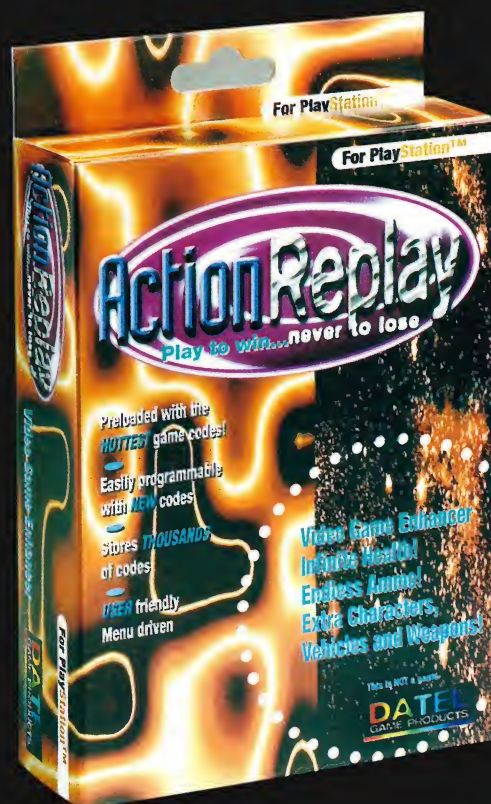
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Instant Expert: ISS PRO 98

ISS PRO 98

Just bought the best football game ever? The only thing you'll be needing now is a few tips to win...

DETAILS

GAME: ISS Pro 98
PRICE: £44.99
COMPANY: Konami
REVIEWED: September 1998
SCORE: 94%
VERDICT: Top of the league

ATTACKING

ATTACK 1: GO ON, SKIN 'EM



■ Above all else learn to dribble around players and the keeper...



■ When they come at you, head straight for 'em at a normal pace...



■ Just before they go for the ball, move diagonally and hit speed up



■ Take our advice, there's gonna be a well shit-hot goal in it for you

ATTACK 2: GET IT IN THE BOX



2a The best cross into the box is a low, powerful one 2b Tap quickly three times, on the move if you want 2c Get ready for a first-time shot



ATTACK 3: CLEVER CORNERS



■ Low corner kicks (three taps of the button) also get results



■ Aim between the defenders... And make sure you get yer strike in early

DEFENDING

■ Nobody ever built a great team with a weak defence. Just ask Alan Hansen. Heed these three

hints to help build yourself a rock solid back-line that'd even scare Ronaldo...



■ Don't rely on the computer to give control of the right players...



■ Use manual select () so you're in the best position ahead of play.



■ Whatever you do, make sure you don't get caught in defence...



■ Pass away from goal as fast as you can or you'll get punished



3A If you've got a player ahead of the man with the ball... 3B Step back before going in for the tackle... 3C Alter the distance you move back so your opponent never knows when you'll dive in



AND THE REST...



1a Work on your build-up play. Try spreading play across the pitch... 1b Slotting through-balls along the lines and holding up the ball in the final third before releasing a player. Do: ● Draw players out of position... ● And pass into the space they leave behind. ● Use your radar and one-touch passing to move the ball up field ● Remember: Check and rearrange team sheets. Unfit players don't win games.



HotLine

Instant Expert: Your problems solved

Resident Evil 2

The last time we tell you this...

I'm still a bit confused about how you get Hunk and Tofu in Resident Evil 2. How's it done?

Darren Perkins, Ian Giles, James Coulthard and Bill Wickstead

plus Listen up, and listen good. Getting 'em's more than a tad tricky. Your social life may suffer. To get Hunk, you've got to complete either Leon or Claire's second scenario on Hard Mode with an 'A' rating, in under 3 hours, with twelve save games or less. You can't use First Aid sprays (herbs are alright). You also can't use any special weapons, ie sub-machine gun or rocket launcher. You're allowed to use the rocket launcher you get dropped at the end of the game, to kill the very last

boss. Otherwise, it's no go. Also, you've got to make sure that all your save games are saved on to the same slot, overwriting the previous one, or it's no dice.

For Tofu, it's the same kind of thing. You need to complete the game in Hard Mode with 'A' ratings, with all the same restrictions as with Hunk, but you need to complete Leon and Claire's second scenarios, then go back and do the first and second scenarios again, basically completing the game six times. Once you've done it six times, you should get your exciting opportunity to play as a large tasteless lump of bean curd. Worth the three months you devoted to getting it? We sure hope so.

Hunk



1 ■ Lotsa zombies. Few bullets. Lotsa hurt



2 ■ ... And mucho Terminator X action..



4 ■ Meet this fella more than you'd like to...



3 ■ The Licker. A gal's best friend, apparently

Tofu



1 ■ A glistening lump of bean curd...



2 ■ Which goes purple when you hurt it...

Colin McRae Rally

...a side order of McCheats

Got any cheats for Colin McRae Rally?
Shane McGill and Gary Curtis

plus We sure do. To give that Welsh twat who gives you directions a squeaky voice, enter your name as HELIUMNICK.

To give yourself a turbo boost option, enter your name as KITCAR, then press Select when the green bar at the bottom of the screen is full.

To open all the tracks, enter OPENROADS.

To open up all the cars, enter SHOEBOXES.

To give your motor double power enter MOREOOMPH.

And to get rear wheel drive, enter your name as FORKLIFT.

For tiny motors, go for DIDDYCARS.

For reversed tracks, enter that name as SKCART.

Or for mirrored tracks, enter it as WHITEBUNNY.

And to make all the tracks into nighttime, enter yer name as NIGHTRIDER. Once you've got this one on, you can get yourself abducted by aliens. Cool. Some extra bits of track open up (try the dead-end road on Australia 2). Head down one of 'em, your car'll stall, and the pointy-headed alien types'll come and take you away...

And for comedy cars: go for BLANCMANGE for a jelly car...

... or try out TINFOILED to get yourself a super-smooth chrome car.

And if those don't suit, enter HOVERCRAFT to get yourself a... a... yep, you guessed it. Sharp lad.



■ Hovercraft: air raisin'...



■ Jelly car: in smart lime green



■ Chrome car: shiny and sleek

MOTO RACER

Are there any cheats for Moto Racer please?
Robert McCubbin

plus Why yes, since you asked so nicely. To git all the ten tracks, just put in this code on the start/options screen:

▲▲▲▲▲ R2 ▲ X .

And for the same tracks backwards, go for:

▼▼▼▼▼ L1 ▲ X

To get a super-fast bike:

▲▲▲▲▲ R1 ▲ R2 ▲▲▲▲▲

PRIVATEER 2

I have played 'Privateer 2 - the Darkening' on the PC. Is this available on the PlayStation or can you recommend a similar game?
David Lacombe

plus It ain't available. Chew on that. But if you're looking for something a bit like it, maybe check out Darklight Conflict.

RALLY GAMES

Which is better, Tommi Makinen Rally or Colin McRae Rally?
Alex Chandler

plus Tommi Makinen Rally is one of the worst games in the world. Even if you wiped your arse with it it'd probably sting and catch on your dangleberries. Colin McRae, on the other hand, is the cat's pyjamas. It's top. Everyone should own it.

RESIDENT EVIL

How do you save Barry in Resident Evil?
Craig Webster

plus It can be done. But it's a whole lot of blood sweat 'n' tears for a very minimal reward. Maybe it'll make you happy. Maybe. What you've got to do is this: once you've killed the second snake, Barry'll give you a rope to climb down the hole with. Wait around at the bottom: Bad Bazza will drop another rope, and you can talk to him.

Second, once you've shut off the waterfall, head in to the ladder behind it, for another rendezvous with the Bazster. All those secret meetings. People'll talk, you know. When he offers his help, say yes. When he asks if you want to go up the tunnel, say yes. Then, when he heads out, follow 'im, and meet him again. Now, when the game ends, he'll twat Wesker, rather than be shot by him, and you can save his ass. Worth it?

RIDGE RACER

Are there any cheats for Ridge Racer?
Alex Ayles

plus There's a couple of mini-cheats that just might melt your butter. To get a selection of twelve cars, just complete the Galaga stage which plays when Ridge Racer is loading. That suit you? No? Then to play on mirrored versions of the normal tracks, turn right round at the start up point and accelerate straight at the brick wall behind you. You'll be able to keep racing round a mirrored version of the original. That suit? No? Then piss off.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Any Rugby League games?
Gray Potter

plus After much research, we have found out the answer is no. To answer this question, we had to discover what the differences between Rugby League and Rugby Union were. The similarities are that both are played by toffee-nosed dickweeds with eighteen-inch necks. The differences are too boring to print in a family publication such as this. Why not play football games instead? They're so much more fun, and we'd be a lot less liable to punch you in the teeth if we met you. Think about it.

SHADOWMASTER

Is there any cheats for Shadowmaster?
Daz Robertson

There sure are. What you got to do is head into the first room that opens up, waste the two pointy-headed freaks that live there, then enter one of these codes:

For invincibility, press and hold: L1 L2

R1 R2 then X . A blue light'll flash to show you've got it right.

For bonus weapons, press and hold R1 R2 L1 L2 then O . A red light'll flash.

For a level skip, press and hold L1 L2 R1 R2 and A . The light'll be green this time. Now hit S, exit the level, and you'll be able to choose where you appear when you restart. Good, eh?

Tommi Makinen Rally

Will some cheats console you?

Got any cheats or tips for Tommi Makinen Rally?
Martin Orr

plus Just the one tip. Join us in the hunt for those responsible for this game. Join us in our quest to find 'Tommi' and roast his Scandinavian ass real bad. The game's a crock of shit.

Cheats-wise, here's a couple:



■ Riding off into the setting sun...

Enter your name as **STRANGE** for the exciting opportunity to drive a bus.

Enter it as **PEUGEOT** to get a Peugeot.

Enter it as **MIRROR** to get mirrored tracks.

And for loads of money, bang in your name as **'MONEY'**. That's **MONEY** with a couple of spaces either side, see?



■ Just how green is your valley?

SOVIET STRIKE

Can you please help me? I need to know are there any cheats for Soviet Strike and if there are could you send them to me?

Stephen Shaw

plus Send? No. Print? Yes. Enter these codes on the password screen and then press **X**:

ELVIS LIVES	Infinite Choppers
DAVEDITHER	More Powerful Weapons
NOSFERATU	Extra Lives (7 instead of 3)

Send them to you? You'll be lucky, sunshine.

SPICEWORLD

Are there any cheat or tips for SpiceWorld. I know people say it's shit but it's a little good in a way.

Marie Rose

plus 'In a way', huh? What we think you mean is 'I've spent twenty quid on this worthless piece of junk, I must extract maximum value'... That's a mite closer the truth eh?

And why you'd want a cheat for a game that takes even mentally retarded gamers about twenty seconds to complete baffles even the most intellectually-challenged of us here.

Anyway, sorry to disappoint but there simply ain't no cheats. Not a sniff of one. Them's the breaks.

Plaintive corner

Beggars can be losers

Please **PlayStation**, you are my only hope. How do I get the helicopter, train and boat in Grand Theft Auto. I waited for the train, but it didn't come. Please help me.

Daniel Millar

plus Wow. Of Dan really does want help, doesn't he? Just look at it. 'I waited for the train, but it didn't come'. Sounds like the opening line to a blues song. It's messing up Dan's life, this lack of vehicles. And we're his 'only hope'. The desperation fairly drips off the page. And we ain't gonna answer. Just 'cos we're bad like that. When it comes to judgement day, we're gonna be going straight to the bad place. For sure. We'll say hi to Jim Morrison and Fred West for you.

STARFIGHTER 3000

Are there any codes to take me past the 'rookie' stage on Starfighter 3000?

Andy Hollins

plus Ah, so you're one of the two people in Britain who bought it. We must introduce you to the other bloke some time.

To cheat, just head to the 'Enter Name' screen and enter your name as **COFFEE N PICKLE**. Next time you head to the screen, a cheeky little note'll tell you cheat now. Now bang in:

SHOW ME to make all the hidden bonuses visible.

DANIEL DEFOE to make sure your ship's well ultra-powered up.

ROGER THE CAT for a level select. Or **WAG** to allow you to switch between different mission pyramids during the action...

STUPID TWAT

I think your mag is great. I love the way you rip the crap out of the stupid tits that write in.

Bryan Bell

plus You love it, huh? You insignificant little shit. How was that? Good?

SYNDICATE WARS

Are there any cheats for Syndicate Wars?

Roy Mannifield

plus Enter your Syndicate name as **TOTHE TOP** to get yourself sackloads of money. And then, during the introduction, press **↑ ↓ ← →** to get all the weapons.

You'll even get all the tanks and choppers, you lucky, lucky lad.

TEKKEN 2

I've heard from a mate about a move for King in Tekken 2 called King's surfboard move. Does it exist and how do you do it?

Lance Johnston

plus You sure know how to choose 'em. Yep El Surfboard exists but it is an absolute swine to pull off. What you got to do is an Ankle Lock (assuming you're facing right, it's **→**, hold **←**,

then **△** and **×**). Then when you're doing that, go into an Indian Death Lock (**→** + **△**, **→**, **×** then **→** + **△** + **○**). Then when you're doing that, go into a Romeo's Special (Square + **△**, **×**, **○**, **→** + **△**, **→** + **△** + **○** + **×**).

Presto. Surfboard action. And extreme pain in your fingers.

V-RALLY

When I did the cheat for V-Rally to get Toyota Celicia it did not work.

Sam Crabbe

plus Sam. Come, come. You weren't thinking to yourself that we'd actually made a mistake, were you? Well we didn't. End of story.

The cheat's a bit tricky to get working, right enough, but it's pukka. For those of you wot missed it first time round, what you got to do is: enter **↑ ↓ △** and **○** just as the Infogrames loading screen's coming on, then enter **← L2 L2 R1 R2** and hold down the last key until the game's fully loaded up.

The tricky thing is that you've got to do it dead fast. If you've got creaky joypad fingers, you'll be in trouble. Just don't go telling us we've got it wrong again...

WORLD CUP 98

Are there any cheats on World Cup 98 please?

Athif Dean

plus Nope 'fraid not, there ain't no cheats.

Maradona didn't get a look in. However, there are a couple of extra teams though. But sadly, you have got to win the entire World Cup to get 'em. Ouch.

Once you done that, you can access all sorts of classic teams from days gone by...

Pandemonium

Jester couple of cheats

Have you got any cheats for Pandemonium, level select or any other stuff that could help me out please?

Simon Clarke

plus Sigh. Yup. We've had these around so long they've started to go off slightly.

But just for you, we'll drag 'em out and dust 'em off. This little lot'll help you out with different level selections, a touch of immortality and the chance to play pin-ball.

To get your so-called level select, enter **BORNFREE** as a password.

Or to get invincibility, bang in **HARDBODY**.

For permanent special weapons, enter **OTTOFIRE**.

And for a pinball bonus game between levels, enter **TOMMYBOY**.



■ Complete, er, Pandemonium...

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Whereas we, who only get paid 24p and a pocketful of dry leaves every six months, are disgustingly happy. What gives? It's the games. Happiness in a box. And we were thinking as how game therapy might help them poor li'l rich kids. Game therapy, you ask? Read on...

Geri Spice

What she really, really wants is... NO!
Put down that cake. Now!

The woman: Known by various aliases. Piggy Spice. Titty Spice. Horrible Dress Spice. Never in danger of falling on her face.

The problem: She's gone from being Geri Spice to being Dumpy Girl With No Job. She's now 'happy about her weight'. We're glad for her. That makes... oh at least one person on earth who's happy about it...

The therapy: We'd say a few swift games of Spiceworld (and let's face it, there are no other kind of games of Spiceworld) might slim her down. Five minutes off the cream cakes can do wonders, y'know...

■ No. Stick them out a bit further. Go on.



■ Duck! He's coming!

George Michael

Ding-dong on the dunny...

The man: An ageing pop star who's rapidly reaching the 'irrelevant old joke' stage. He's the proud owner of an icky little beard. Your cousin who nobody much likes owns his records...

The problem: Hell, we like having a chug on the bog as much as the next man, but George prefers leaving the door open and waving his tumescent schlong at

undercover policemen. Normally, we're tolerant guys, but George, now really...

The therapy: We'd recommend a couple of bangs at Point Blank. We've heard that's George's preferred range for shooting. And this way he won't get any stubborn stains on his trademark black clothing. Or on any Yank policemen's boots...

David Beckham

Ah. You want to hoof him in the nads? Form an orderly queue, please, gentlemen...

The man: Pre-World Cup, he was a footballing hero, a fine upstanding young Englishman and a credit to this country. Now he's just a twat with a silly fringe.

The problem: Yup. He done bad. He kicked when he didn't ought to kick. He got England kicked out of the World Cup. Everyone in the country wants to make him bleed.

Hell, we're his therapists and we'd give our right arms to hammer a fencepost up his asshole...

The therapy: A bit of Kick Off World, Retaliation and Red Alert might sort the little twat out. And it'd keep him indoors away from righteously angry members of public who want to rip his East End bleedin' todger off...

■ The nation says: 'TWAT!'



Kenny Dalglish

Scots footy hero in 'dour twat' scandal

The man: Former Liverpool, Blackburn and Newcastle manager: currently doing BT adverts.

The problem: 'Och, I dinnae ken the noo. Haggis Auchtermuchy Kircaldy, ye wee scaffy schemie. Hoots, mon, it's a braw bricht moonlicht nicht the nicht' You what? Translation please!

The therapy: How's about sitting down with Resident Evil 2 in Japanese. Then he can get an idea about how the rest of us feel. It's good to talk. Instead of gibbering.



■ Ken smiling. A rare sight.

Christian Gross

The nation's least favourite dizzy little Swiss roll...

The man: Ex-Spurs manager. He's from Switzerland, a country that excels at making clocks, putting holes in cheese and other things. Lots of other things. Phone the Swiss tourist board to find out about what the Swiss are good at. But for God's sake don't ask them what they were doing in 1939.

The problem: He's Swiss for starters. But no 'Station game will cure a sickness that deep-rooted. And we don't know whether of Christian'll be off the dole in a hurry either. Maybe somebody will let him put the little holes in cheese.

The therapy: We'd reckon old Christian should be sitting down with Premier Manager. He can't do any damage that way. And if he brought his memory card to his next job interview it's sure gonna impress more than his CV. No matter how shit he is at games. Poor devil.



■ Bald men: usually tossers

Vanessa Feltz

She's fat. She's round. She bounces on the ground...

The woman: That's just one woman? You sure? Jeezus. Whorra lorra Vanessa. She's the chat show host with the most. For sure.

The problem: She's got plenty o' money. But she just wants a little bit more. So she stormed off ITV and onto BBC. It was probably the same in the Feltz household at dinnertime. 'Vanessa! Enough! You've already eaten four cows and three pails of double cream!' 'Well, Mum, if you take that attitude I'm just off next door for a bit of supper'

The therapy: Swagman. That includes the kind of insane greed Vanessa displays round the dinner table. And there's money in it. And you like money, don't you, Vanessa dear? Other than that we'd recommend a lot of NBA and NFL games. For no reason other than we want to see you having not such a good time. Christ, we're nasty fellows. Sometimes it worries us.



■ 'Give me money. Now'



■ Mmm. Fine Havana...

Bill Clinton

'A cigar, anyone?' 'No thanks, we've given up'

The man: One of the most famous faces on earth. But don't go getting jealous. He's married to some old harpy and his daughter's a boiler.

The problem: He stuck his luncheon meat in a fat girl's face. And the entire world knows that he likes his cigars moist and fishy.

The therapy: Poor old Bill. We reckon on taking a leaf out of his

book: in times of trouble he should turn to Bomberman World. No, really Bill, it's fun. Just try it for a couple days. It honestly is nearly as much fun as bombing out Sudanese hospitals and orphanages. Really. The only problem we can see is you need four mates to play. Maybe Hillary'll join in. If she isn't chasing you with a butcher knife at the time...

Princess Diana

Look! It's the 4,000th Diana picture you've seen today!

The woman: Beautiful corpse who was peeled off a pavement in Paris a while back. Quite famous.

The problem: You can now buy Princess Diana margarine, Princess Diana athlete's foot powder and Official Princess Diana Femidoms. So damn tacky. And she wants in on it.

The therapy: Once Princess Di has escaped from the cruel captivity of M16, who've been ferrying her secretly round the world since her (faked) death, forcing her to plant landmines, we'd recommend a nice sim game like Constructor to get her into that profiteering mindset. Real Diana hair: Real Diana toenails: Official Diana boogies. The opportunities are endless...



■ Blimmin' eck! It's me mum!

Paula Yates

'My new child is called Karmic Lurve Fuchsia Pudding' 'Be silent, witch'

The woman: Wizenad hag with silly plastic titties. Way past her sell-by date.

The problem: She says her boyfriend's too well-hung. And she's been popping the odd tranquilliser here and there. Just 'cos she likes the taste, mind. Bad news.

The therapy: For old Paula, we reckon brushing up on her 3D Lemmings skills might be in order. Also, maybe a couple karate-based beat 'em ups for practice. We've heard her boyfriend got done in by a black belt...



■ That lovely smile in full...

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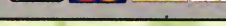
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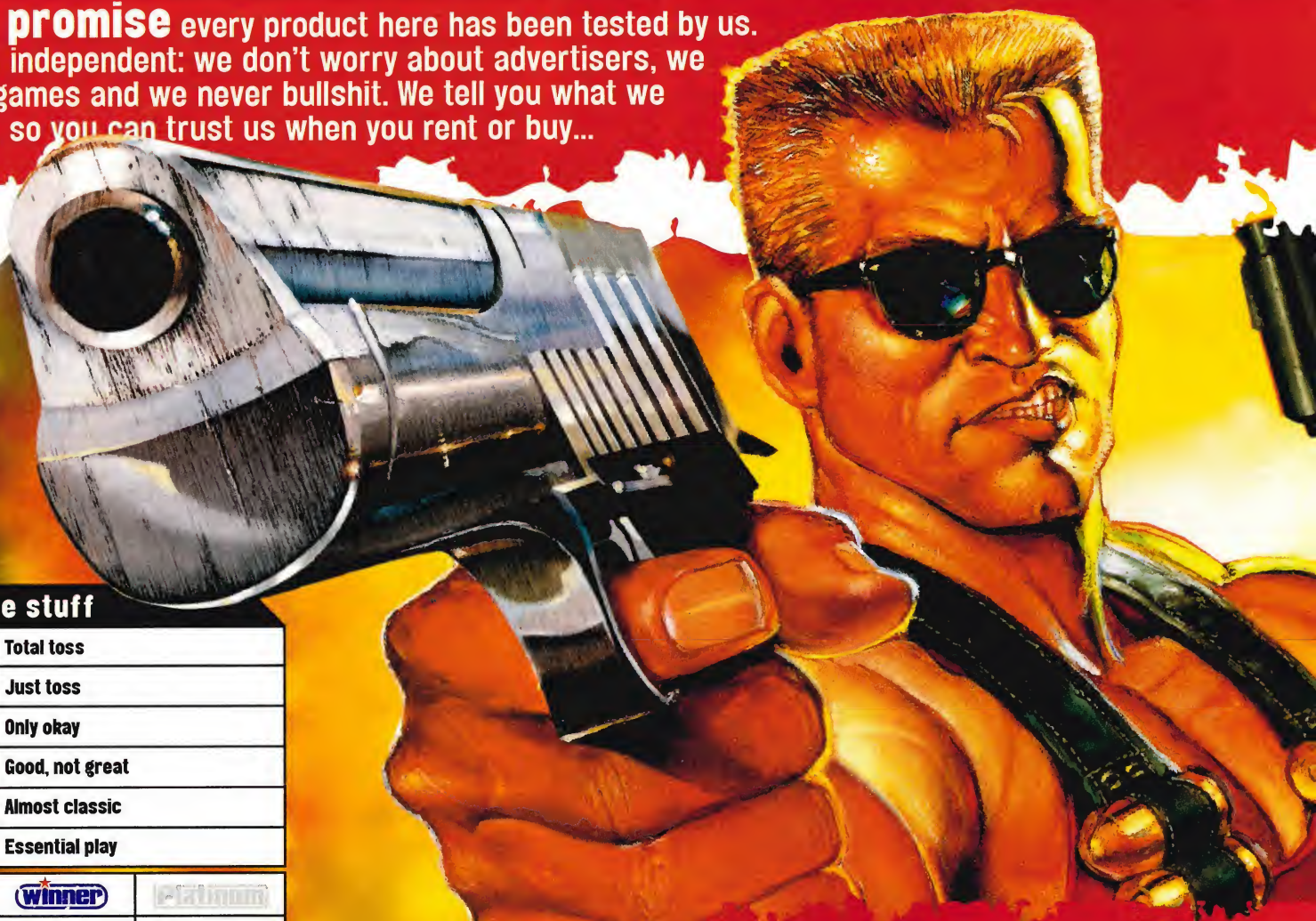
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The Duke's back, he's in time and he's up for burning a load more bacon ass



How we rate stuff

0-50%	Total toss
51-60%	Just toss
61-70%	Only okay
71-80%	Good, not great
81-90%	Almost classic
91-100%	Essential play

		
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Bloke quiz

How much of a bloke are you?

Being good at games is more obviously a bloke skill (Source: The Oxford Guide to Games 1999). And yeah, you might well be able to twiddle a joystick with the best of 'em, but how well do you shape up in the other bloke stakes? Take our test and find out!

1. You go to the bar to get the drinks for you and two other mates. How do you carry them back?
2. You're late back from work, dreading of being your girlfriend's real enemy about it. What do you do?
3. From these three things, choose the one most likely to reduce you to tears at joy.
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How to score:
Have read if you scored a five at the quiz. One, if you were a real bloke, your friends have done the quiz in the first place.

Monopoly

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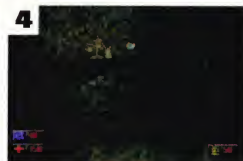
DUKE NUKEM: TIME TO KILL

And this unlucky little piggie went wee, wee, wee all the way home. Why? 'Cos it's time to kick arse and chew gum with the new and improved pork-frying Duke...

It seems every time you turn your back, another bunch of aliens try to take over the planet. Such is the difficult life of Duke Nukem — birds, booze, birds, alien massacre, birds and birds. Honestly, if only things were as simple for the rest of us...

Acrobatics

He might be a big hulk of a bloke with guns the size of... er, big guns but that isn't gonna stop our man Duke moving around like an Olympic gymnast. He can climb, fly, swim, roll, swing... pretty much everything your regular superhero can do. He isn't a superhero though, so don't be trying none of that X-ray vision or eye-laser shit...



1 Anything Lara can do...
2 Chocks away and all that
3 We always knew Duke was a swinger
4 Remember to hold your breath, big man

Duke Raider

God's gift to both women and alien slaughter goes full 3-D with his latest outing, tipping more than his hat at everyone's favourite big-chested bird. Lara's obviously had some sort of influence on Mr Nukem, as you can probably tell from these pictures. Never fear though — he's got some of his own tricks up his sleeve that would make the girl Croft spin in her tight khaki shorts.



1 Look! He can run! He can kill! 2 He can jump! He can fight! 3 And all in 3-D. Lovely

What we like

Exploding bodyparts

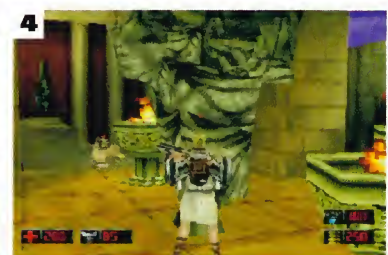
There's nothing better to do of a morning than watch a screen full of alien pigs being blown limb from limb. So hooray for Duke Nukem — there's more dead oinkers here than in the window of a butcher's shop. Just pick a weapon (preferably one with a bit of kick) and lay into those bastids, Duke style!



1 Don't lose yer head yer porkster 2 Crocodile shoes my arse 3 Now that's gonna leave a scar

Gotta get back in time

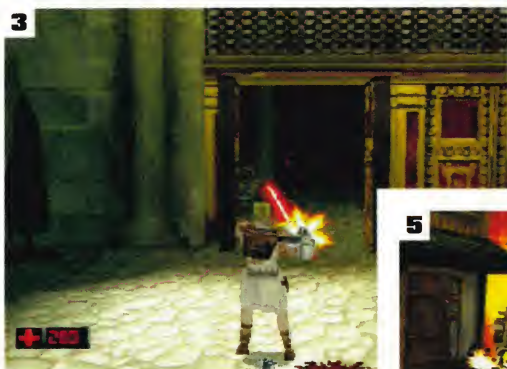
Aliens are smart muthas. They've already tried to wipe out the Duke, but the meanies are back with a new plan — this time to erase him from history. In fact, they're so busy messing with time, they don't notice Duke sneaking about until it's too late. Follow those buggers back through each different time zone, putting right what's wrong and kicking some alien butt into the bargain.



1 Jeans and a vest — very Die Hard 2 Real men wear skirts, you know 3 Yee ha, ride 'em cowboy and so on... 4 Who's up for a toga party then?

Artillery

Duke's a one-man army, so it's only right that he should have enough weapons to wipe out a small country. You'll start off with just a pistol but pretty soon you'll be more toolled-up than King Dong. Keep your wits about you though 'cos them aliens get real tough later on. And don't get cocky — the killa guns pack a massive punch for a reason and ammo's in short supply...



1 Getting desperate? Try a big boot **2** The shotgun is pretty standard **3** Laser-powered Gatling guns are flashy **4** Nothing like flame-grilled piggy **5** The RPG — now you're talking...

Hail to the king, baby!

When it comes to one-liners, Duke is quicker than Bob Monkhouse on steroids. All of his classic lines have made it in, as well as a ton of new ones. Humour is very much at the centre of the Duke games, and there's no short supply of quips in Time to Kill. Just make sure that when it comes to destruction, it's you that has the last laugh...



1 Don't mess with us man, just don't mess **2** Hey, I make this look real good **3** Ooh, chase me... hey, now that's not right...

Alien Scum

Last time they were mean — now they're just plain angry. Yep, the same evil geezers from the first Duke game are back with a vengeance and when it comes to taking over Earth, they ain't taking 'no' for an answer. You'll recognise most of them — snuffling Pig Men, scaly Lizards and floaty Octobrain. Just don't let your guard down when you meet the new bosses — they're ugly with a capital U...



1 It's pig-smashing time **2** Lizards. Ewwwww. **3** It's Moloch the Gatekeeper. Scary **4** Dragon burger sir? Coming right up

Babes

Men like babes. Give 'em a solid helping of breast and thigh and they're happy until the middle of next week. Being the lad he is, Duke's pretty much the same except he seems to meet tons of birds in the most compromising of positions. Even better, they always seem to be hiding items that Duke has to 'search' them for. Lucky sod.



1 Hit me with your leather stick **2** Rub-a-dub-dub indeed **3** Don't fancy yours much **4** Check 'em out it's the pole-dancing birds. Cool

What we don't like

Noooooooooooo!

No matter how good you are, it's a little too easy to snuff it here for our liking. The bad guys are a bit too accurate with their guns, plus there're too many times when you'll be shot by someone you can't even see and you'll end up having to run through half the level again just to die at the same point. The bosses are very tough and the jumping is a bit on the dodgy side too — just watch your arse on that lava, Duke...



- 1 Some of the levels are REALLY frustrating
- 2 There're usually tons of bullets flying around...
- 3 And taking on bosses sucks

plus

We'd like to say...

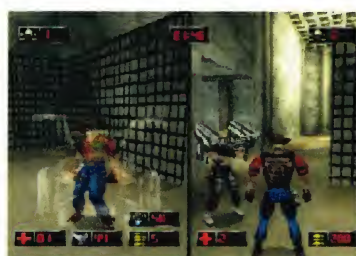
Yes, it does look like Tomb Raider. Yes, it even plays a bit like Tomb Raider. But we'll be damned if it ain't pretty shit-hot all the same. Tons of tough nasties to take on, and loads of puzzles and exploring make up for the cruel death and dead-hard bosses. Can't say fairer than that...

Split personality

When you've had enough of saving the world for the day, you can always blow your mates apart rather than alien pigs... unless your friends are alien pigs. Two people can take on each other in a split-screen deathmatch with tons of weapons and other goodies. We thought the arenas were a bit small and chasing only one person can get a bit boring but it's still quite a laugh all the same.



■ Ready or not here I come...



■ Ahh, I see you fella



■ Take that! And this! Ha ha ha ha ha, etc



■ There's no one here to save your bacon...

The demon offspring of Mr Nukem and a Lara Croft lookalike. It's slightly flawed in places but we still love it and Duke'll keep you crawling back, begging for more. **Martin**

PlayStation
RATED 89%

■ OUT SEPTEMBER ■ BY INTERPLAY ■ COSTS £44.99 ■ PLAYERS 1
■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

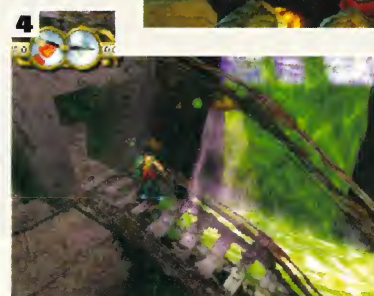
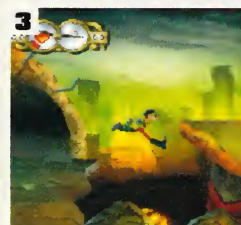
WILD 9

Young fella and pals avoiding evil sheep and a big blob of flesh. Crazy, man.

Get ready for explosive platform action — the Wild 9 are here and they're packing some awesome firepower. Just mind those killer sheep...

Levels

From the streets of Crater City to the Swamps of Drench and even on the home planet of Karn himself, the levels are huge, varied and gorgeous to look at as well as play. Most of the levels are platform affairs with plenty of jumping, killing and token collecting for all. Be quick on your feet though as there're plenty of bad guys out there ready and able to kick your ass into next week.



- 1 Some of the levels are really stunning to look at
- 2 And the bosses are great
- 3 The fire can really singe your arse
- 4 We like the waterfalls. Even if they are a strange colour

What we like

Death

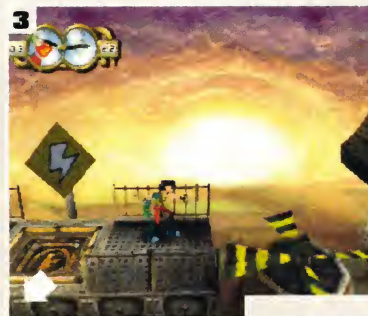
There's nothing we love more than finding as many ways as possible to splatter alien guts all over a wall. Or floor. Or even another alien. That's why here at Wild 9, you can choose any type of slaughter you want. Electrocuting? Decapitation? Impaling them on spikes and then stepping on them? Suits you, sir...



- 1 Throwing baddies into grinders is fun to watch
- 2 But pushing them into spike pits and walking on them is so much better
- 3 Or you could just cut their heads off and laugh until your sides split. Or something...

The Rig

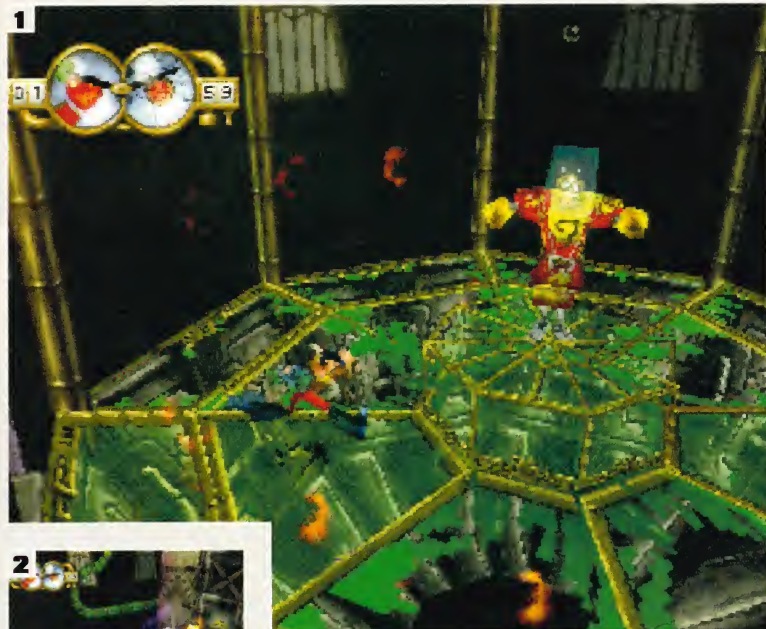
Attacking in a Ghostbuster-style, the Rig is one of the best weapons we've seen in a long time. Instead of shooting the baddies, it grabs them with an electric beam and then you can pretty much do what you want with them — bash them on the floor, throw them into things or whatever. Also, it lets you pick up and move objects around the levels and even swing around to reach hidden platforms. Tarzan, eat your heart out.



1 Do the swinging thing and make like an ape **2** Pick up the nasties with the Rig and throw them around a bit for your own amusement **3** See this massive fan? It's not working so well so... **4** Use the Rig to pick up a battery and then voila! One working fan **5** You'll be doing a lot of throwing things — enemies, boxes, other stuff. You'd better get used to it, kid. This is going to be wild

Stupid friends

And they are stupid — they've all been captured and it's up to you to help out. As you make your way through most of the levels, you'll have the chance to rescue them from the clutches of Karn as well as use them to your advantage. Once you've rescued the slightly unstable Nitro, for example, you can throw him against doors and blow them wide open, while leaving him quaking in his boots. Poor guy.



1 Here's your buddy Nitro. He's dynamite — literally **2** Just put him next to the door and... **3** BOOM! No more door, no more nuthin', man **4** One man and his mechanical arm. What a guy

plus

We'd like to say...

With more delays than British Rail, this game has taken ages to get here. So was the wait worth it? Well, mostly yes. There's lots to like but a few things to really annoy you — frustration is the key word here. Whether you can put up with the bad stuff is down to your patience.

Something different

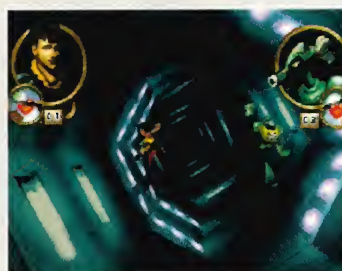
It's not all jumping and killing nasties, you know. No siree. Just for a change, there are a couple of levels where you get to jump on your Sky Jet (Star Wars Speeder Bikes but no bloody Ewoks) or fall down a long pipe and just throw the other guy into the wall. Smart



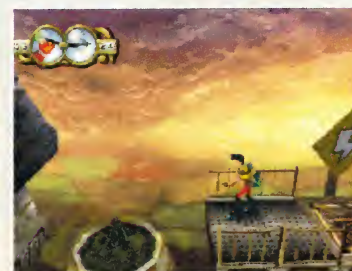
■ Racing Sky Jets can be frantic



■ If you crash, everyone will laugh at you



■ Skydiving, on the other hand, is scary



■ But standing on ledges isn't. Obviously

The graphics to die for, loadsa adrenalin, but gameplay that'll have you pulling your hair out. Hardcore arcade nuttas are gonna love this. Ponces can sit it one out. Martin

PlayStation plus

RATED 90%

■ OUT NOW ■ BY SONY ■ COSTS £29.99 ■ PLAYERS 1
■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

BABY UNIVERSE

Please can I get off now? I don't feel very well. My head's gone all funny...

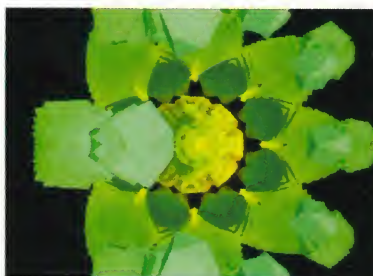
This game is gonna be hailed as 'classic' by the kind of person whose last memory before they went funny was having an 'experience' with Jesus at a rave back in 89. The rest of us? Not so sure...

Space is the place

This ain't a game. It's more of a... 'thing'. It makes pretty patterns. It scrambles the bits of your head even near-fatal doses of pharmaceuticals can't reach. It'd be the worst present you could give your epileptic mate. 'Have hours of convulsions on me!' But boy it's pretty...



■ 3-D Kaleidoscope. Funny shapes moving in time



■ Electric Scope, funny shapes to move and grow



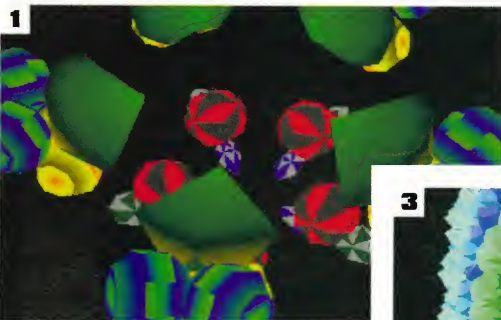
■ Psychedelic Scope. Wot were the others then?



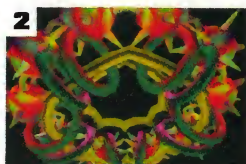
■ Sound Scope. Shapes looking like soundwaves

Errr... come again?

Your mission is to sit staring at funny 3-D patterns that move vaguely in time to whatever music CD you shove in yer 'Station, changing 'em with various buttons, and spinning 'em with the directional keys. And... er... that's it. Soon the gentle drip of saliva coming out of your mouth forms a nice counterpoint to the music. You have been warned.



1 Head... feeling... weird... must... escape... vortex... 2 Fun to watch. But gradually your conscious mind erodes. Be wary 3 Jeez. That's a funny shape and a half. Where's me Prozac?



Ummm. Weird one. If you've always wanted to own one of those colour-and-lights things they use to brainwash secret agents in 60s films, this is your big chance. Rob

PlayStation
RATED 75%

■ OUT SEPTEMBER ■ BY GT ■ COSTS £34.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-2
■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

MORTAL KOMBAT 4

More punching. More fighting. More blood. More death. It's the same old shit.

They gave us the Mortal Kombat films at the cinema, the shelves were stacked with graphic novels and T-shirts and we've even played the games. And here's another one. This isn't running the thing into the ground much, is it?

Evil overlords

Just when you thought it was safe to walk the earth... yep, ANOTHER nasty man with a silly hat is trying to take over the universe. And yes, only a select band of warriors from Earth can stop him. Yawn. Oh, and just in case you've been living in a cave on Mars for the last decade, it's a beat 'em up. Obviously — can't you tell from the gripping storyline?



1 Loads of different levels of play



2 Ooh, scary man 3 Goro's still here. Even though he's dead



What we like

Killing people

OK, so it's predictable. And let's face it — the only thing Mortal Kombat has got going for it these days is the tons of gore splattered around the ring. They've done away with those poxy friendship and baby-type things now — it's nothing but all-out head-ripping and gut-busting from here on. Good thing too, we say. Break out the bandages and let's get it on!



1 A shower of shurikens is going to hurt you very much, and just look at the mess you've made of my new stone tiles He may well be my number one fan, but he's for the chop I can tell you 2 And while we're about it there's nothing seriously wrong with decapitation either...

Weapons

Seeing as their new enemy is extra tough (he can take nipple cripples and everything), the lads have decided to bring along some special hardware. Pulling off particular moves whips out your broadsword (nudge, nudge) or whatever nasty piece of metalwork you're carrying so you can use it. Thing is, you can't block while you do and one hit knocks it out of your hand. Duh. Good job you can pick up the other bloke's sword as well...



■ Smack 'em with a mace...



■ Or nick their weapon and beat them with it



■ You can even throw things lying around



■ Hmm... major carnage

plus

We'd like to say...

We like lots of death. We like 3-D graphics. But we're sick of Mortal Kombat. The Mortal Kombat films got worse as they made more of them. This one ain't the worst game they've done but it'll never match other fighting games around today. Impress your friends with the fatalities and then take it back to the shop. Quickly.

The third dimension

They haven't changed the setting, but at least they've made the graphics better... sort of. We say 'hoorah' — now you can do all your maiming in glorious technicolour and dodgy 3-D. Thanks to this, you've now got an extra few buttons to worry about that let you sidestep oncoming attacks... except they don't do much. In fact, we don't ever use 'em as they're so shite. Oh well...



1 Cor, look at the legs on that... 2 The combos are still there 3 The background arenas are quite nice 4 The tower of power, too sweet to be sour. Which is great



Rent it! Well, at least it's better than the last one. But that's still no excuse — rent it, sure. Buy it? Only if you're a deranged sicko... Martin

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CONSTRUCTOR

Build buildings. Hassle tenants. Bump up the rents. Kick moaning hippies...

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Wot you want

What you have to do sounds bleedin' drab to start with. Build houses. Buy estates. Set the rent. Yawn. But interesting bits creep into the recipe: fight hippies, negotiate with the Mafia, chuck tenants out and keep the cops' palms greased. Proper sleazy landlord shit...



1 Build up a Soweto-style shanty town 2 Then start pouring concrete and shit. Time to ruin some virgin grasslands 3 Until nasty folks start poking their noses into your bizznizz...



Humour

Normally we're not big fans of job sim games. Check the Knowledge section for scores we gave Kitchen Porter Pro and Geography Teacher 2000. But here, although it's another vocation sim there're enough characters and larfs to keep it well cool throughout...



■ Y'can tell all your little people to move around, fight hippies, that kinda stuff



■ And you'll have to negotiate with a fine selection of the scum of the earth



■ Y'gotta keep expanding outwards into that inviting green belt



■ And you can even decide what makes a win: money, total world domination, all sorts...

Full-on sim action with a side order of larfs and nastiness. Real depth of play, sackloads of detail, and interesting stuff to do. If sim's your thang, you'll eat this up. Rob

PlayStation
RATED 88%

POCKET FIGHTER

You'd better have a spare nappy0 and a bottle of talc to hand — these kiddies have got more in mind than a bowl of jelly and ice-cream...

It's hard being a kung-fu baby, you know. Fighting over who gets to play with the dolls' house first. A bout of fisticuffs in the sandpit. Nasty scuffles behind the plasticine table. Well, no more. It's time to kick arse, toddler-style!

Babies

OK, you've got a load of fighters from different games (mostly from Street Fighter) and they're all babies. Not that it stops them kicking bootie — all the usual moves are here, but you've only got three attack buttons to worry about so it makes it easier. Pick up the gems to power up your moves and then let rip with those impressive Mighty Combo moves.

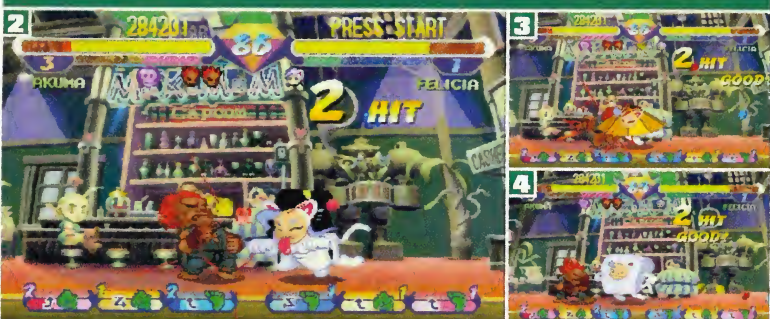


1 Get them there gems mighty quickly 2 A in doing so turn your moves from this ordinary stuff... 3 Into this. well tasty 4 Check out the Mighty Combos 'cos they really are mighty fine.

What we like

Back in a flash

One of the new features here is the use of Flash Combos. By pressing the punch and kick buttons in a certain order, you pull off a load of hits while changing your clothes and making weird gestures. One minute you're a cheerleader, then a caveman, then riding a horse... it's too much.



1 So, you can turn from a cute ickle pussy cat... 2 Into to a bird in a barmy wig... 3 Into an umbrella... 4 And finally into a large chunk of tofu. Honestly...

Turning Japanese

When we were young, you didn't need an excuse to fight. No. You just got in there, waving your arms and screaming like madmen. Now you've got to have a reason for it. And what reasons these are — the Japs sure come up with some surreal stuff. Cats become film stars, the police hunt escaped animals... Really gonna cause a scrap, isn't it?



So here's the storyline



Somebody help me! This person is scaring me with her mean eyes!

1 I've got to find a lost kitty 2 Off to the zoo for you, pussy

plus

We'd like to say...

Once again, they've found something new to do with a game that's at least eight years old. Yes, it looks lovely. Yes, it's quite a laugh. But really — do you want to keep on playing Street Fighter for the rest of your lives? 'Course not. There's so much more out there...

Editing stuff

In the Edit Fighter mode, you can create your own fighter (of sorts) by answering questions and choosing characteristics for them. The thing is, you don't actually get to fight as them. You can fight against them, or watch them take on the computer in some sort of quest but control the little buggers? Not a chance mate. Bit silly if you ask us really...



1 Answer the questions truthfully 2 Then edit the fighter and fight! Or rather, watch... 3 And so on...

This is a good laugh and at least it offers something slightly different, but really it's only worth buying if you're a completely freaky Street Fighter fanatic. Sorry. Martin

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Levels

What you've got here is 20 levels from your very own crypt and the Pumpkin Grove to the castle of the evil Zardok, crammed full of drooling monsters, all eager to tear a chunk out of your bony arse. Each level is huge with lush 3-D graphics, oodles of atmosphere and plenty of puzzles and tasks to solve and carry out. The only gripe we've got is you can't return to replay levels if you've missed something. Bugger.



■ Ahh, the crypt. Home sweet home



■ The mausoleum is one spooky place



■ Wading in sword-first is a bad idea



■ Don't lose yourself in the cornfields

What we like

Monster mash

If you want something to really get your teeth into, this is the beauty for you. It's got everything that we think rules — loads of carnage, plenty of puzzles, gorgeous scenery... you name it, it's here. This is definitely a game that gets us going.



■ Uh-oh — now we're in trouble...



■ We're a killing machine, baby. Rough, tough and ready to tear you apart...



■ Hmm, maybe we were a bit hasty...

Brains, not brawn

It's not all mindless slaughter of the undead, you know. If you want to get anywhere in MediEvil, you'll need to put a bit of thought into it. On your travels you meet characters and find objects which need to be used in a particular way. The people you come across will probably need your help with something and being the kind-hearted skeleton you are, you can't really refuse. Remember, it'll all pay off in the end...



1 Put the club in the flame to make a torch... 2 And light the fire to open the door 3 Hmm, now where can I use this?

Bosses

You can sum up the big muthas in this game in two words — damn tough. Forget mindless slashing away through hordes of zombies, these bastids take a bit more than a blow to the head. Huge queen ants, hounds from hell and a giant demon made of glass are just some of the muthas waiting to kick your arse — you'd better have a spare pair of pants ready...



1 The stained glass geezer looks gorgeous... 2 But you wouldn't want to date him 3 The Pumpkin King is rather nasty too 4 And as for the dragon... 'nuff said

I need a hero

You won't have to worry about dodging evil blokes in the Hall of Heroes — the people here have nothing but love for ya. Once you earn your way in, you have the chance to chat with some of your mates from the wars and even grab some bigger, tastier weapons to lay the smack down on those pesky demon fellas.



1 Welcome to the Hall of Heroes 2 On your left, an ancient statue... 3 Oh, a nice new weapon

What's your cup size?

Hidden away safely in each level is the Chalice of Souls — an essential item for an undead fella like yourself. You see, the Chalice feeds on other souls so the more nasties you slice 'n' dice, the more the Chalice fills up. Once it's full, just lay your bony hands on it and it's off we go to the Hall of Heroes!



1 The Chalice is still empty... 2 But not for long 3 Now we can pick it up... 4 Hurrah! Our cup runneth over

Tools of the trade

It might be wrong but taking a huge sword and thrusting it through the head of the nearest badass is mighty satisfying. So it's a good job there's plenty of that going on here — you've got a whole arsenal at your disposal to wipe out the evil hordes. Throwing knives, powerful crossbows and broadswords are cool but the mighty warhammer is king — just drive those monsters into the ground like they were a coupla tent pegs.



Arrows are great for lobbing...



Swords do a nice line in shish-kebab



1 But the warhammer really kicks some mean arse 2 Use yer head as well as your hammer. So think about it...

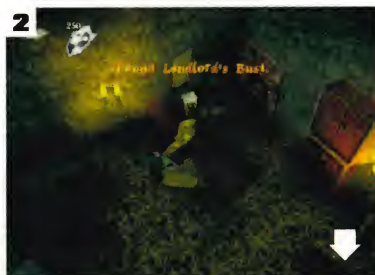


So what do we do?

As the levels go on, the missions in each one get slightly more obscure. Finding runes for door locks and giving sheet music to opera-loving skeletons (yes, really) is one thing, but you'll need more smarts later on in the game. For example, watch how we do it as we enter the Sleeping Village...



So, the church needs a crucifix eh?



Just take the metal bust...



Then put them in the furnace...



And the crucifix cast



Pump the bellows...



Problem solved... or is it?

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It's the mutt's nuts — it dances on the graves of a crowd of other games like it. Slaughtering armies of the damned has never been such fun. **Martin**

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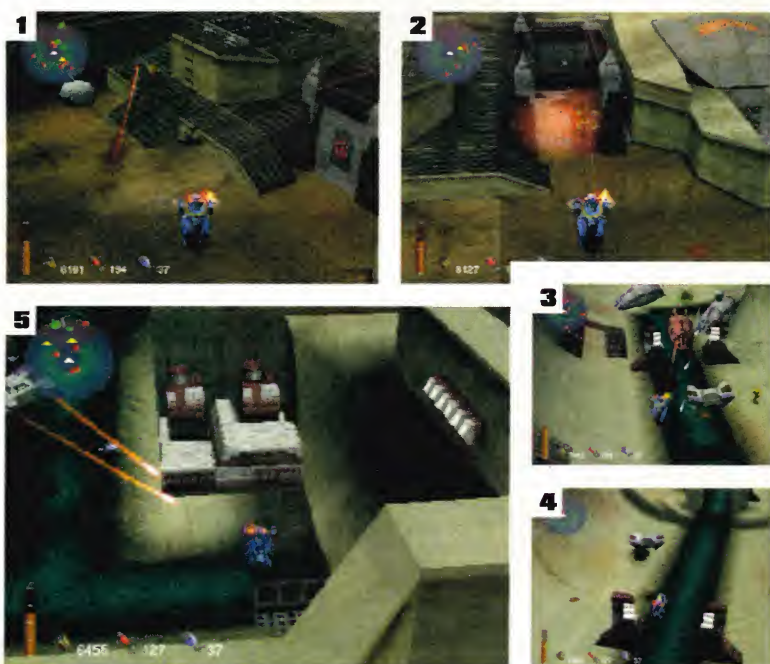
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Do what?

You're a cop and you've gotta steam into each level with guns blazing. Wipe out humans and machinery, avoid civilians and find the entrance to the next area. Hit a few switches, cut off some energy fields and go after the big dude. Now take on another frantic mission...



1 No way into the complex... 2 Shoot the doors to reveal a switch... 3 Inside the sewers destroy slug tanks... 4 Race through powered gates... 5 To activate the pumps and open the next area

plus **We'd like to say...**
 A few niggles with this. Camera angles are sometimes a bit arse, your jumping isn't accurate enough and getting near the end of level, dying then repeating everything is frustrating. But these are only very minor probs.

Mashing mates

You won't get more multiplayer mauling for yer moolah. Co-operative missions are naff, but head-to-head combat is fierce. You still get to patrol in yer cop car but you also get to spend points on units of tanks and 'copters to take over territory. Nice twist.



■ Help each other out...

■ Or try storming yer mate's base

What we like

All-terrain cop

Part of the charm of this baby is working out which form of transport to use. Y'see, your patrol vehicle can transform between walking and hovering. In hover you can zip across water, fly between ledges or float over mines without setting 'em off. On the other hand, yer walker is accurate and can jump.



1 Stomp around future city... 2 Now at the touch of a button... 3 You can float through trouble

Big barrels

You can mount three weapon pods at a time. Before each mission you choose the set-up. Go for mini-guns or flame-throwers, missiles, concussion beams or hyper rockets, mortars, bounce mines or plasma flares. Now keep yer eyes peeled for supercharged power-ups.



1 Here's where you fit the goodies 2 Standard missiles do the job 3 Upgraded missiles can multi target 4 Hey pig, yer rockets have got wiggly trails! 5 Power-up points are dotted about each level

Perps

The enemies are so ugly and antisocial you'll relish frying their brains out. Perps on foot are cool 'cos you can stomp 'em into a bloody mush. Vehicles are harder and there's an army to deal death to: airships, slug tanks and hovercraft. Some of the bosses are much fun: giant rotating HQs, tentacted guardians and a lab that flies.



1 We had no idea flesh was so flammable 2 Caught in a tank crossfire 3 Tiny speedboats are a pain in the arse 4 Tentacted tar pit beast warning

A right looker

Graphics are as smart as a freshly spanked arse. Camera angles are always changing and when they zoom in close you see just how detailed everything is. Mind you, special effects are even better. Explosions will cause balls of light, missiles trail vapours and things smoke before bursting into flames.



■ Right from the start graphics are tasty good

■ Explosions are big 'nuf



■ Things can get too ickle

■ Some of the levels are stunning

A real romper stomper. Don't be put off by playing at being a cop. Action is as dirty, mean and hardcore as it gets. Well worth pawning yer girlfriend's jewellery for. **Jon**

PlayStation
RATED 89%

■ OUT OCTOBER ■ BY EA ■ COSTS £34.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-4

■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD, MULTITAP

MADDEN 99

Huge men put on shitloads of armour, just so they can charge into each other. Fools.

They turned up late for both World Wars, flooded our country with shite junk food and they're all fat, ugly or both. Yep, there're not too many good things to say about Americans – even their sports ain't so good...

Odd-shaped balls

This is not proper football. You take ages choosing your play, watch the five seconds it takes to happen and then stop and do it all over again. Not exactly fluid, is it? Still, there're plenty of different ways to play here – for those with no patience you can play arcade or one-button mode (no real effort required). The spods meanwhile can try managing the team as well as playing the matches. Oh, and creating your own player is quite a lark.



1 Another day on the pitch 2 And away you go... 3 Oh, I've messed it up. Surprise. 4 The management game. Gripping stuff.

What we don't like

Number crunching

No sir, we're not fond of 'em – stats that is. We like our sports snappy and not full of boring play diagrams. Also, it's no surprise to see there're more player stats here than bees round a honey pot. But to be honest, you ain't gonna need them very often... I mean, do you really give a toss if Dan Marino has the strongest arm in the NFL? And frankly we don't want to ask how he got it...



1 Hmm, stats... 2 It's easy – choose your formation... 3 Choose your play...

This one's slightly jerky and uncontrollable at times. Plus it's pretty damn boring on your own. It's only worth a go if you've got loads of Yank mates. **Martin**

PlayStation
RATED 63%

BUGGY

For some reason, one of the tracks on here is called the 'Muddy Slipway'. Revolting concept. They call it Buggy? Buggery, more like...

Teeny little motas. Tracks so wide that if you put 'em through the English countryside hippies'd be having panic attacks left, right and centre. And funny little slalom gates. Strange things are definitely afoot...

Two-player? Mais oui!

There are things about the PlayStation we don't love. But don't go telling too many folks. One of the things we don't love is how you never get a two-player mode with more than two cars. But hang on a tick. You get a full field of four in the two-player bit here. Cool. Now we can go back to loving our PlayStations again. Sorry to have bothered you.

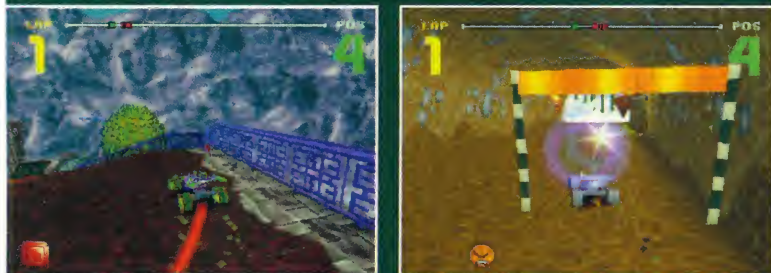


1 Ouch! Bastard! That gate was mine, damn you! 2 Proper two-player action. Just look at all them cars 3 Eat my dust, player two (Insert name of chum as required...) 4

What we like

You got the power

Buggy's power-up system's kinda like psychedelic slalom. Wot you got to do is get that buggy of yours through coloured gates in certain combinations: the bottom of the screen tells you which colour gate to go for next, and if you get it right, you can get all sorts of goodies. Fing is, if you go through the wrong gate, the sequence breaks: no goodies. Dang!



■ Collect a red and a yellow gate, and you git yourself a speed-up

■ Get your ass through a green then an orange, and you can bounce the other cars



■ Collect a truly enormously difficult sequence of hard-to-get colours, and you can fly...

■ You don't even want to know how much balls-ache it takes to make you invisible

Big tracks

In yer everyday racing game, if a track's more'n two lanes, you're thinking 'Lay off the cream cakes, fella'. Not so in Buggy, 'cos you're gonna spend half your time steering to avoid the wrong gates for your power-ups, the trax are as wide as runways, and there're plenty of ways to tackle 'em...



■ Right gates equals 'goodies'

1 Fat tracks. Little cars. Lots o' bits 2 And there's even secret little bits with extra gates in 3 And on some of 'em, there's really harsh scenery to be a-dealing with 4 And routes to be a-choosing between

Spit and polish

Thing is, there's a coupla things on here you'd want to slap the programmers around a bit for. Or maybe deprive them of food and water for a while. For starters, the gravity's just a little bit 'funny'. And some of the tracks are ugly little muthas, too. We don't wanna be too hard on poor li'l Buggy, 'cos the idea's nice, but...



1 McGravity the mystery cat. Bit like being on the moon, this Buggy stuff 2 And looks-wise, some tracks ain't gonna pump up your pants 3 But we don't wanna be too grouchy. There's a lot of fun in there to be had

Rent it The power-up system's a breath of fresh air, and the bonuses pump up the interest factor. This ain't gonna break records, but worth a look. Rob

PlayStation plus

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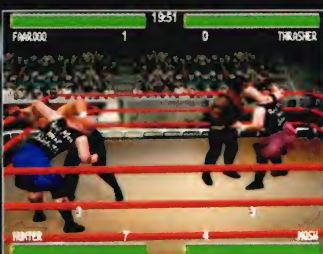
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ACTUA TENNIS

All those lovely young ladies in little white skirts. Tennis is starting to look good...

Yet another sports sim, what next? Frisbee? Fishing? Still it keeps us busy and helps those chairbounds to participate in athletic pursuits, so it can't be bad. Enter the court and bring the quick-fire world of tennis superstars to your thumbs.

Deuce wanna play?

It's a piece of piss to get started, and dead easy to play. There're tons of top stars to play as, from 'Pistol' Pete Sampras to nice boy Timmy Henman. There's a choice of different courts and tournaments from around the world, so it's well tactical.



■ Don't forget to stick yer arse out



■ Best not to drink beforehand

What we like

Tennis ain't a complicated game

It's nice to pick up a game and be able to play it right away, no need to remember a brain-mashing sequence of buttons. Getting the serve right is the hardest thing, and after a while you'll be taking potshots at the ball boys.



■ Choose your moment...



■ Careful with yer lob



1 This one'll hurt 2 Up close to the net for excitement 3 Stop making that bloody racket



Rent it As accessible as a lady of the night in Soho but without the variety — 'cos it's just gonna be tennis, right? But still worth a gander. **Richard**

PlayStation
RATED 74%

■ **OUT SEPTEMBER** ■ **BY SONY** ■ **COSTS** £44.99 ■ **PLAYERS** 1
 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

THE FIFTH ELEMENT

The saviour of the earth has returned, but surprise — this time it's a woman!

It's the same old story: evil threatens to destroy the earth and only one person can stop it. The fact it's a tasty bit of crumpet wrapped in Band Aids is a novelty. But if we get to look at her running around 15 levels of adventure, it's OK by us...

What we like

Movie bits

Even though it got mixed reviews, we quite liked The Fifth Element film. Loads of bright lights and flashy effects, with cool actors and a great story. Thank God then that they've put a load of it in the game — links between levels and the whole intro are plucked straight from the big screen... it'll make you want to go back and watch the movie all over again.



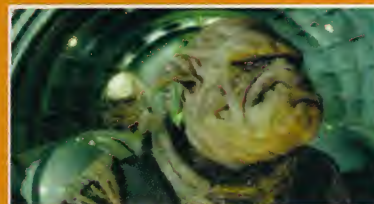
■ Didn't he used to be a wrestler?



■ Do you like my robe?



■ Ooh, atmospheric



■ These fellas are just plain mean — and ugly

Levels

Simple idea — find four element stones and save the world. Actually it's quite tough. It all looks like Tomb Raider only the scenery ain't so nice to look at. Virtually none of the things match what happened in the film either. From the lab where Leeloo is 'born' to a disused factory, the depths of New York and Zorg's HQ, it's all different. Talk about creative licence...

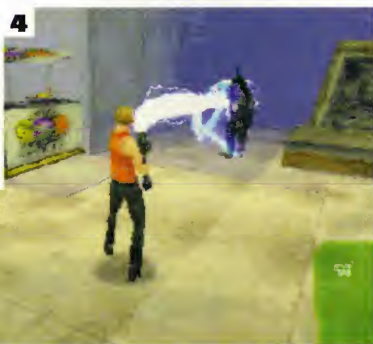
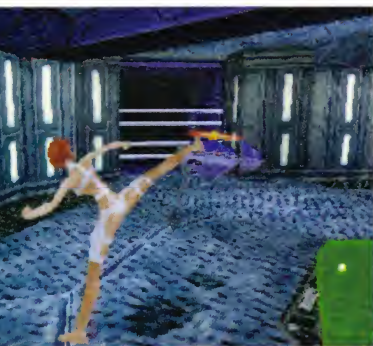


1 OK, so we recognise the lab area 2 The Zorg Tower is good 3 But why the disused factory?



Korben loves Leeloo

While some stages are only for a certain character, most of the time you'll get the chance to choose to play as Korben Dallas (Bruce Willis in an orange vest) or Leeloo (a bird in bandages). Each one has their own way of doing things — Korben is a whizz when it comes to heavy firepower while Leeloo prefers hand-to-hand scuffles and grenades. She can also swing from the ceiling and crawl so she can reach places Korben can't. Typical.



1 These handy grenades pack one helluva nasty wallop 2 My, sir, what a meaty gun you have on you 3 Punch, kick — it's all in the mind y'know 4 Ha! Eat massive electric death, you total bouncer

Dr Livingstone my arse...

There's plenty of running around exploring and picking stuff up no matter which character you choose. A lot of the time though, you'll have to play the same level twice but this doesn't really matter. You see, you'll end up doing different things — Leeloo can crawl, so she can explore small vents and the like, while Korben can open more doors and shoot switches. This way, it's like doing two totally different games. Cool.



■ Korben can't duck under here. Wimp

■ But Leeloo can, so off she goes...

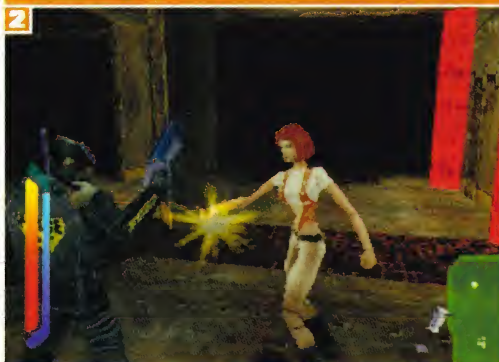


■ While the bloke has to go the long way round

What we don't like

Shite dying

This is one of those games that kills you for no reason. Whether it's not being able to defend yourself against three baddies at once, or falling down the same hole for the ninth time even though you've made the jump before, there's just no excuse for it. The jumping thing is the worst for this — it's virtually impossible to judge how far you'll actually go and in a game that's full of leaping around, this is, obviously a very bad thing...



1 Too many people, not enough shield 2 Hang on — how come HE gets a gun? 3 Oh look, another missed jump. Bugger 4 Get used to this — you'll be seeing it a lot...

plus

We'd like to say...

You know, this grew on us the more we played it. It's got enough action, puzzles and exploring in it to keep you going until Christmas. But no matter how hard we tried, we couldn't actually love it. The fact that we nearly threw our PlayStation on the floor in frustration might give you a hint as to why...

Nasties

As you go through all the stages of the game, there're tons of bad guys out there to make your life a misery. Once again while some are from the film (like the Police or the Mangalores) most seem to be aliens thrown in for the sake of it. Why? We don't know. We don't care. But, it gives you something to think about, eh?



1 Right, so we know that's a copper... 2 And this is one of those Mangalore bastids 3 But what the hell is this? 4 And as for this... we just plain don't know

Rent it

Enjoyable and we got into it, but it's let down by dodgy controls, ropey graphics and a huge frustration factor. Shame, we coulda loved it. Martin

PlayStation plus

RATED 79%

TOCA TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP

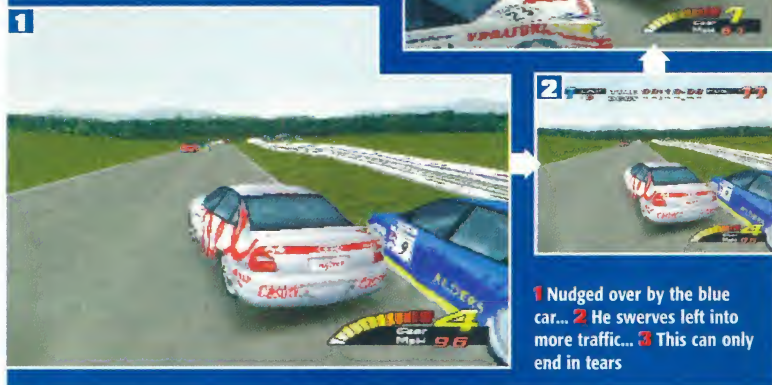
The first Platinum game to use a Dual Shock Pad, and it's a beauty...

Touring cars are perfect fodder for games. Drivers have got balls the size of space-hoppers and cars have been tuned to oblivion. A perfect recipe for major smashes and so much adrenaline yer veins'll explode.

What we like

Losing it

Saloon car racing is right there on the edge and TOCA captures that feeling perfectly. With yer foot flat to the floor you feel the car just needs one small mistake as an excuse to slam you smack into a wall. No matter how well you're doing in a race, your heart'll be beating in yer throat.



1 Nudged over by the blue car... 2 He swerves left into more traffic... 3 This can only end in tears

Smash it up

If you like panel beating, you'll love this. Smashes feel good and solid, and send cars all over the track. Spinning and flipping yer motor ain't hard, and wings, spoilers and windows all smash and crumple. Seeing how much damage you can do is a game in itself.



1 Sorry mate. Didn't see you there 2 Too many slams and you'll get disqualified 3 Oh bugger. Back to the menders 4 An Audi loses its balance, its bearings and its windscreen

Graphics

Cars look smart from the outside. Inside it looks like you've got goat hooves on the wheels. Tracks are fine, but not too many details to get excited about. Effects are much better — smoking tyres, wet conditions, reflecting brake lights, and signposts to destroy...



■ Bridges look a bit naff

1 Car models are spot on 2 Wet weather effects are amazing 3 But the snow isn't all that convincing

plus

We'd like to say...

Like lots of other racers, TOCA suffers from a daft qualification system. Computer drivers post times you could never beat, but out on the track you zip past 'em. Realism should be the key to this sort of game, so why don't they sort out the basics?

Head-to-head

Two-player's not much cop. Graphics aren't detailed but gameplay's fast. A lack of other drivers means it's just you and a mate — and the novelty soon wears off.



1 Split screen reveals it's just you and one of yer chums 2 But the sweet spirit of friendship soon goes out the window when you knock six shades out of him and drive him off the track

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Getting on a bit, but we still love TOCA. It's like nicking yer old man's motor, tearing about and slamming it into a tree... Then getting away with it! Jon

PlayStation

RATED 91%

COMMAND & CONQUER

Why avoid conflict when wars are this much fun?

All fossil fuels have been used up. Cars stand still, power stations grind to a halt and drunks sober up. As soon as a new source of energy turns up, groups battle for ownership. Take sides — it's time to go to war.

What we like

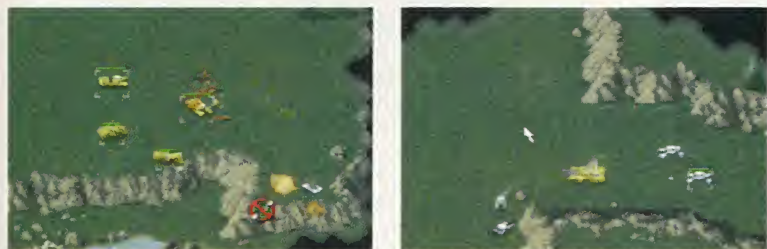
Straight in there

It may look a complicated simulation-style thing, but Command & Conquer is a friendly little bugger. To fight you simply drag a box around your troops and point 'em in the right direction. Building stuff is a case of clicking on the right pic. Easy.



Weapons

Jeeps, tanks, planes, helicopters, look-out towers, buggies... loads of cool death machines to muck about with. You don't get yer mitts on much to start with, you've got to build up the goodies: but when you get heavy-duty artillery it all becomes worthwhile.



■ Small tanks and rockets launchers in action

■ Tanks this size are slow but they do the job



■ Boats are a real bugger to hit

■ Planes bomb shit out of a base

Gameplay

Set up bases, build weapons, train soldiers and get the enemy. Obvious attacks won't get you anywhere. You need to come up with strategies and make sure you've got the fire power to see the plan through. Computer armies are sneaky, so keep on yer toes.



plus

We'd like to say...

By today's standards C&C may look bland, but it's still a quality performer. There're tons of missions to keep you happy and it comes on two discs, so link with a mate if you've got two TVs and a pair of 'Stations.

Missions

All this stuff is going off between good guys, the GDI, and bad boys NOD. Ultimate victory means completely wiping out the enemy, but that ain't gonna happen in one go. Take smaller bites of the cherry. Gain ground, capture strongholds, rescue comrades. Each battle won is another small step towards ultimate glory...



Get a taste for death and send millions to their doom. The most violent, immoral God game of 'em all still goes the distance. You'll love it — unless you're a peace freak. **Jon**

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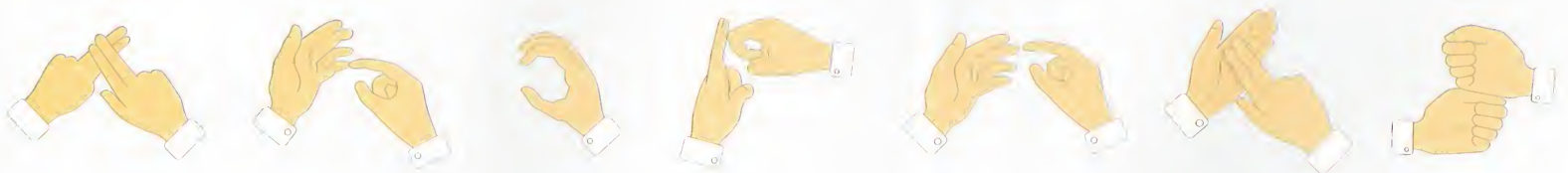
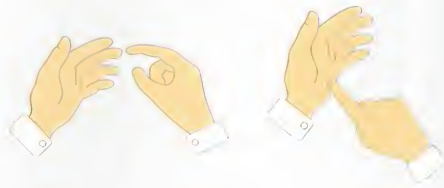
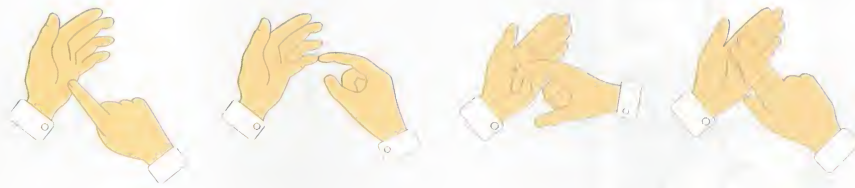
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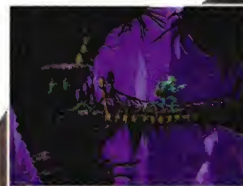
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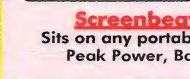
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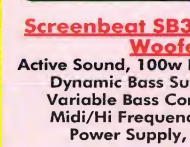
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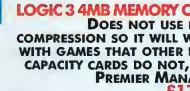
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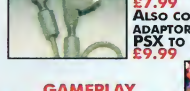
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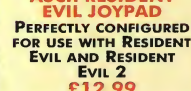
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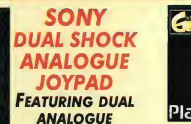
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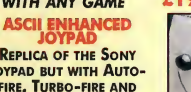
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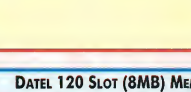
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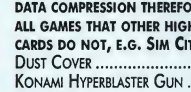
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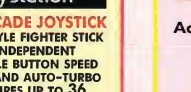
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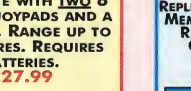
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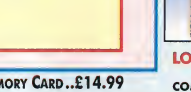
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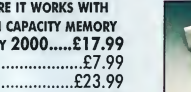
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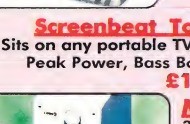
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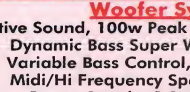
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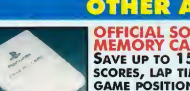
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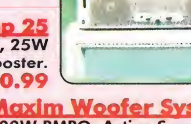
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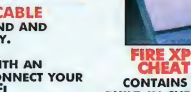
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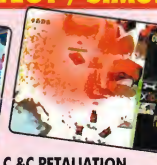
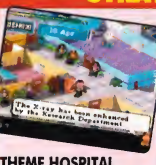
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0-50%.....Total toss
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61-70%.....Only okay
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Rental Chart

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Wanna try before you buy?
The hottest rentals this month

Key: (NE) New Entry
(RE) Re-Entry
(4) Position Last Month
(-) Same Position

- (-) Colin McRae Rally (Codemaster)
Addictive racer heads the pack.
- (-) Premier Manager 98 (Gremlin)
Top footie game stays at second
- (NE) Deathtrap Dungeon (Eidos)
Babes going sword-slashing crazy.
- (NE) Grand Theft Auto (Take Two)
Cars, crims and crime in the city
- (7) Tekken 2 (Platinum)
Rent this while you wait for the sequel.
- (3) Gran Turismo (Sony)
The top car racer around.
- (NE) Point Blank Bundle Pack (Sony)
Excellent shooter — uses G-Con 45.
- (10) Tomb Raider (Platinum)
Lara's still there in the top ten.
- (NE) Resident Evil 2 (Virgin)
Zombie-mashing marathon new entry.
- (NE) Formula 1 (Platinum)
Gets our Grand Prix, and it's a bargain.

2Xtreme £44.99

Company SCEE ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Really poor sequel to Extreme Games. Very few improvements. 55%

3D Lemmings £44.99

Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Smart 3D graphics, but uninteresting and awkward gameplay. 81%

4-4-2 £34.99

Company Virgin ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
An absolute disgrace of a football game. The worst on the PlayStation. 14%

Abe's Oddysee £44.99

Company GT Interactive ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Great-looking and great-playing weirdo adventure. 91%



Actua Golf £44.99

Company Gremlin ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Cyber-golf at its most realistic. The best golf game on the PlayStation. 88%

Actua Ice Hockey £39.99

Company Gremlin ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✓
Looks sweet, plays juicy. Well tasty pick up n' play ice hockey effort. 91%



Jargonbuster!

How our listings work

Company: Who sells it? **Players:** How many can play? **Memory Card:** Can you use one to save games? **Link-up:** Can two players play on two machines? **Mouse:** Do you need one? **Multitap:** Allows lots of players to play **Special:** Guns or special controllers?

Actua Golf 2 £44.95

Company Gremlin ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Cosmetic improvements only, power-bar controls are a bit too familiar... 83%

Actua Soccer £19.99

Company Gremlin ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
3D graphics eclipsed by flawed gameplay. Nice, but a little dated. 68%

Actua Soccer 2 £39.99

Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-4 ■ Special Analogue pad
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✓
Tasty footy sim that looks brilliant but plays even better. 93%



Actua Soccer: Club Edition £44.99

Company Gremlin ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Same as Actua Soccer, but has Premier teams. Too little too late... 60%

Adidas Power Soccer £19.99

Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✓
Football game which favours cool graphics over yer actual gameplay. 60%

Adidas Power soccer 98 £34.99

Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Analogue pad
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Crappy old footy game doesn't cut the mustard. 55%

Adidas Soccer International 97 £44.95

Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✓
A follow-up to Adidas Power Soccer, also pretty shite. 70%

Agent Armstrong £39.99

Company Virgin ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Mindless blasting, easy puzzles and daft graphics... Okay, but that's all. 75%

Agile Warrior £39.99

Company Virgin ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Fairly challenging arcade-style aircraft shoot 'em up. Neat, but no cigar... 85%

Air Combat £19.99

Company Namco ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
A miss from Namco? Yeah: tedious, lacks depth and variety. 65%

Ace Combat 2 £34.99

Company Namco ■ Players 1 ■ Special Analogue pad, NegCon
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Fighter pilot extravaganza. Buy planes, and shoot everything! 85%

Campaign against Crap American Sweet Names

Kellogg's is running scared

It's weird how the offer of free crap has got CACA members from around the country well fired-up.

Yep, a month or so ago we offered to send rubbish to anyone who wrote to Kellogg's complaining about the unnecessary name change of Coco Pops to Choco Krispies.

AND LOADS OF YOU DID!

The standard letter Kellogg's sent back gives out some guff about how the new title 'more appropriately' describes the product, 'now that it contains real chocolate'. Oh really? So what's coco when it's at home, then? The worst thing is, Kellogg's did not send out any freebies, unlike Mars, who

sent a quid's worth of vouchers. Tight, or what? Meanwhile, Steve Leach of Widnes has been on the lookout for other Americanisms in our everyday life. He writes,

'I was watching an episode of The Bill the other day and one of the coppers said to his partner, 'step on the gas! Surely to God he meant 'Put your foot on the accelerator old chap.'

FANNY PATTING

'Americanisms are starting to creep into our vocabulary at an alarming rate. I must admit though, I'm looking forward to the day I pat my girlfriend's fanny in public.'

Um, yes. Another bloke, calling himself Spiderman (!) writes, 'From what I hear, Twix is next on the list, and could be changed to its European counterpart, Raider. We must act fast... We must, and the address to write to prevent Mars making this change is:

Marketing Department, Mars Confectionery, Dundee Road, Slough, SL1 4JX

Get yer letters off and send us the replies. There could well be something in it for you...



Air Race £44.99

Company THQ ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Racing takes to the skies. Easy to pick up and fun to play. **76%**

AIV Evolution Global £44.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Good fun, pretty enjoyable, but overwhelming resource management sim. **86%**

Agon Trilogy £19.99

Company Acclaim ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Excellent Doom clone which captures all the scares of the films. **85%**

All Star Soccer £44.95

Company Eidos ■ Players 1-4
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Tries to mix footie and humour. Doesn't make much of a job of it either... **34%**

Alone In The Dark £39.95

Company Ocean ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Interesting puzzles fail to make up for the game's dated presentation. **82%**

Alundra £39.99

Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Excellent RPG that's easy to play but hard to put down. **91%**



Andretti Racing £44.99

Company EA ■ Players 1-4
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
A lightweight alternative to the fantastic Formula 1. **85%**

Aquanaut's Holiday £39.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Environmentally friendly undersea adventure. Very dull. **53%**

Area 51 £44.99

Company GT ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Light Gun
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
A bland shoot 'em up based on an arcade game. **52%**

Ark of Time £39.99

Company ICE ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Dull puzzler game; too boring and too hard. **65%**

Armoured Core £39.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Robotic shoot'em up. Worth a look. **86%**

Assault £39.99

Company Telstar ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual shock
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Non-stop killing in fast and frantic shoot 'em up. We like. **88%**

Assault Rigs £44.99

Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
A nice idea, but just too simple and too easy for its own good. **81%**

Atari Collection £44.95

Company GT ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Golden-olde retro compilation. Ideal for old farts everywhere... **75%**

Atari Collection 2 £34.99

Company GT ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Only Gauntlet and millipede shine in rubbish retro collection. **55%**

Auto Destruct £44.99

Company EA ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Cop show-style driving and shooting with lots of fizz. **77%**

Ayrton Senna Kart Duel £44.99

Company Philips ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Very grim and substandard racing game. Avoid at all costs. **32%**

Ayrton Senna Kart Duel 2 £39.99

Company Infogrames ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
A karting game with all the fun of a lobotomy. Yeuch. **35%**

Azure Dreams £39.99

Company Konami ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
This RPG is packed with interesting ideas. Let down by shit save system. **67%**

Ballblazer Champions £44.99

Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Very fast, very furious and fun: play futuristic footy with spaceships. **87%**

Battle Arena Toshinden 2 £49.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Great visuals, but doesn't make it with the gameplay. **71%**

Battle Stations £44.95

Company EA ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
OK, so this is a pretty concept, but the game itself is poorly done. **52%**

Batman Forever £44.99

Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Total stinker. Beat 'em up boredom, even if you're a bonzo batman. **28%**

Batman and Robin £39.99

Company Acclaim ■ Players 1 ■ Special Analogue pad
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Ambitious, but sadly flawed take on the on the Batman theme. **73%**

Beast Wars: Transformers £39.99

Company Hasbro ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Awful, Beryl. Really awful. And you know what I said? I said... **45%**

Bedlam £44.99

Company GT ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Tactical blaster, and you do need that mouse to get the most out of it. **87%**

Big Hurt Baseball £44.99

Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Baseball games. Great, eh? A good adaptation of a dull sport. **81%**

Black Dawn £44.99

Company Virgin ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
This sequel to the explosive Agile Warrior is just as good. **86%**

Blast Chamber £44.99

Company Activision ■ Players 1-4
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Anyone for a futuristic game of tag? No? **54%**

Blasto £39.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1 ■ Special Analogue pad
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
The kind of game that visits singles bars, goes home alone and cries. **56%**

Blast Radius £44.99

Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Analogue pad
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Good-looking space blaster only let down by lack of variety. **83%**

Blam! Machinehead £44.99

Company Core Design ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Hard to work out. But once you get into it, it's a gripping 3D blaster. **89%**

Blazing Dragons £44.99

Company BMG ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Graphic adventure. Good humoured, but too much like hard work. **87%**

Bloody Roar £39.99

Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Fast punchy beat 'em up where the players turn into giant angry beasts. **92%**



Bomberman World £34.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1-4
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Explosive cutesy murder 'em up that's a multiplayer must. **83%**

Break Point £44.99

Company Ocean ■ Players 1-4
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Inoffensive tennis game, but moves take some getting used to. **73%**

Brahma Force £44.95

Company JVC ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Techie-as-they-come robot-blasting shoot 'em up. **73%**

Breath of Fire III £39.99

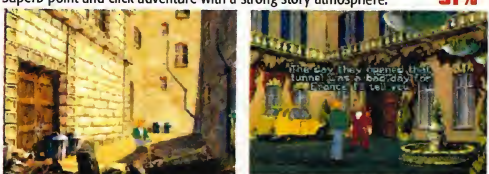
Company Ocean ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Cutesy role-playing epic involving dragons and things. **84%**

Broken Helix £39.99

Company Konami ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Good ideas, but very dated shoot 'em up. **70%**

Broken Sword £44.99

Company SCEE ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Superb point and click adventure with a strong story atmosphere. **91%**



Broken Sword 2 £34.99

Company SCEE ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Puzzled up adventure game that's sweet as a nut but hurts your brain. **91%**



Burning Road £44.99

Company Funsoft ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
The PlayStation's equivalent of Daytona USA. Good gameplay and looks. **88%**

Bubble Bobble Pack £44.95

Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Dust down those tank tops, this is one of the best retro collections. **84%**

Bubsy 3D £34.99

Company Telstar ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Ugh! Ultra-crap platform game that looks and plays toss. **30%**

Bug Riders £39.99

Company GT ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Ugly, unplayable insect-riding racer. A load of cock. **34%**

Bushido Blade £39.99

Company SCEE ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
Samurai swordfighting game that's too realistic to pump up your pulse. **83%**

Bust a Move 2 £19.99

Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓
One of the cutest, most incredibly addictive puzzle games of all time. **89%**

Bust-a-Move 3 £34.99

Company Acclaim Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Bubble-bustin' puzzler that's too damn similar to the last Bust-a-Move. **85%**

Cardinal Syn £34.99

Company Sony Players 1-2 Special Analogue pad
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Surprisingly good beat 'em up with swords. **82%**

Carnage Heart £34.99

Company SCE Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Build some robots, then turn them loose to fight in this strategy game. **74%**

Casper £44.95

Company Interplay Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Graphics are fine and dandy, but the gameplay's totally average. **62%**

Castlevania £44.99

Company Konami Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Old school 2D action and gameplay galore in this Dracula spectacular. **89%**

Cheesy the Mouse £44.95

Company Ocean Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
The awful main sprite hides some good platform action. **82%**

Chessmaster 3D £44.95

Company Mindscape Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Rough, tough butt-kicking (only joking) chess sim. **87%**

Chill £39.99

Company Eidos Players 1-2 Special Analogue pad
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Loads to do and cool two-player in another snowboarding clone. **82%**

Circuit Breakers £39.99

Company Mindscape Players 1-4
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Mini-racing effort that's a bit too much like Micro Machines. **80%**

City of The Lost Children £44.95

Company Psygnosis Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Excellent graphics in this adventure game, but incredibly annoying. **68%**

Clock Tower £44.99

Company SCE Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Poor attempt to move into Resident Evil territory. Boring, dated, not scary. **43%**

Colin McRae Rally £44.99

Company Codemasters Players 1-2 Special Dual shock
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Superb rally game. Possibly better than sex. **95%**



Colony Wars £44.99

Company Psygnosis Players 1 Special Analogue pad
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Space-based 3D blaster which is sharp as a tack. Loads to do, too. **93%**



Command and Conquer £39.99

Company Virgin Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Conquer the world in this fast-paced strategy game. A classic. **91%**



Command and Conquer: Red Alert £39.99

Company Virgin Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Strategic slaughter 'em up that's even better than the first C&C. **93%**



C&C: Red Alert Retaliation £39.99

Company Virgin Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Well worthy next stage in an excellent series. **92%**



Contra: Legacy of War £44.95

Company Konami Players 1-2 Special 3D Glasses
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
3D version of the classic shoot 'em up. Solid blasting action. **83%**

Cool Boarders £39.99

Company SCE Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
One player only, but this is still brilliant snowboarding fun. **91%**



Cool Boarders 2 £39.99

Company Sony Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Shit-hot snowboard sequel that adds a two-player mode to the original. **92%**



Courier Crisis £34.99

Company BMG Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Good fun for a while, but limited bike 'em up. **79%**

Crash Bandicoot £19.99

Company SCE Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
A bit frustrating, but this is one of the best platformers around. **86%**

Crash Bandicoot 2 £39.99

Company SCE Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Tasty platformer that's more varied than the first Crash. **87%**

Crime Killer £39.99

Company Interplay Players 1-2 Special Analogue Pad
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Fast mix of driving and shooting lacks variety. **81%**

Critical Depth £34.99

Company GT Players 1-2 Special Analogue Pad
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Good two-player submarine blast 'em up. Not so cool in single player. **65%**

Criticom £44.99

Company Vic Tokai Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Great graphics, but this 3D beat 'em up still loses out to Tekken. **82%**

Groc £34.99

Company EA Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Cutesy graphics don't spoil this challenging platformer. **84%**

Crow 2: City of Angels £44.99

Company Acclaim Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
If you hated the movie, you'll hate this even more. Crap fighting game. **33%**

Crusader £44.95

Company EA Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Excellent shooting and exploring action in this lone commando game. **85%**

Crypt Killer £44.99

Company Konami Players 1-2 Special Light Gun
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
The worst lightgun game ever. Stay away! **27%**

Cyber Sled £39.99

Company Sony Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Dull arcade shooting game. Even Namco can make mistakes. **69%**

Cyber Speed £39.99

Company Mindscape Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
You race about on wires. Not a WipOut-beater. **68%**

Cyberia £39.99

Company Interplay Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Underwhelming shooting and puzzle games. **60%**

D £44.99

Company Acclaim Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Looks great, but way too short: it'll take you an hour to complete. **83%**

Dark Forces £44.99

Company Virgin Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Old-style graphics, but still an engrossing Star Wars Doom clone. **84%**

Darklight Conflict £44.99

Company EA Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
3D space game delivers stunning gameplay and is difficult to master. **87%**

Darkstalkers £44.99

Company Virgin Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Street Fighter meets horror meets fairly average gameplay. **78%**

Davis Cup Tennis £44.95

Company Telstar Players 1-4
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
We reckon this stinker is one of the worst PlayStation tennis titles to date. **50%**

Dead Ball Zone £34.99

Company GT Players 1-2 Special Analogue pad
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Hyper-violent sci-fi sport game. With chainsaws. **88%**

Deathtrap Dungeon £44.99

Company Eidos Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Tomb Raider-style adventure. But with swords. **90%**

Defcon 5 £49.99

Company Sony Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
3D adventure with more wandering about than actual exciting action. **72%**

Descent £44.99

Company Interplay Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Doom in spaceships. If you think that's a great idea, you're right. **91%**



Descent 2 £44.99

Company Interplay Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Not enough improvements on the original, but still a good shoot 'em up. **82%**

Destruction Derby £19.99

Company Psygnosis Players 1 Special Negcon/Wheel
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Play a while and you realise it's a shallow game: Great with two players. **72%**

Destruction Derby 2 £19.99

Company Psygnosis Players 1 Special Negcon/Wheel
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Better than the original, with faster cars and wider tracks. **89%**

Devil's Deception £39.99

Company Sunsoft Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Nice idea: you play Satan's helper. But not well executed. **60%**

Diablo £39.99

Company EA Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Ace adventuring without a spoddy aftertaste. **91%**



Die Hard Trilogy £19.99

Company Fox Interactive Players 1 Special Gun/Wheel
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Three top games for the price of one. **92%**



DiscWorld £39.99

Company Psygnosis Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Fantasy 'comedy' adventure with annoying puzzles. **71%**

Disruptor £39.99

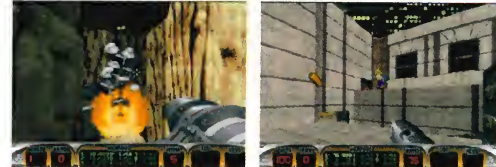
Company Interplay Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Slick ultimately yawnsome first-person shooter. Nice weapons though. **82%**

Doom

Company GT ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✓ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Bloody, dark shoot 'em up that's one of the all-time greats. **90%**

Duke Nukem

Company GT ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Analogue Pad
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Stonking corridor shoot 'em up. Colourful, funny and very violent. **91%**



Dynasty Warriors

Company Ocean ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Beat 'em up with swords that doesn't really cut it next to Soul Blade. **67%**

Earthworm Jim 2

Company Virgin ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Conversion of the old SNES classic that manages to be a lesser copy. **79%**

Epidemic

Company SONY ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Sequel to Kileak the Blood fails to improve on a pretty poor game. **64%**

ESPN Extreme Games

Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Oddball sports racing game with a smidgin of violence for good measure. **91%**



Everybody's Golf

Company Sony ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
A golf game that's - wait for it - fun! And great to play too. **85%**

Excitebike 2555AD

Company Telstar ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Merlin's niece goes sci-fi in this Tomb Raider wannabe. A near miss. **77%**

Exhumed

Company BMG ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Still one of the best and most challenging Doom-style games around. **91%**



Explosive Racing

Company TOKA ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Lack of control and cheesy whiff let down fun racer. **51%**

Extreme Pinball

Company EA ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Sad, lonely, orphan of a pinball title with unrealistic ball movements. **44%**

Extreme Snow Break

Company Microdis ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Shite snowboarding rubbish. **50%**

Fade to Black

Company EA ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Absorbing, interesting 3D game. There's plenty to see, do and shoot. **87%**

Fantastic Four

Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Dull and repetitive beat 'em up featuring the Marvel comics heroes. **59%**

Felony 11-79

Company ASCII ■ Players 1 ■ Special Negcon/Wheel
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Pacey jorjiding game which offers lots of bangs for your buck. **81%**

FIFA 96

Company EA ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Footy game with little control over players and bad camera views. **58%**

FIFA 97

Company EA ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Not much improvement over '96, since it plays so very slowly... **64%**

Going down (under)

Aussie soap stars causing a commotion in our trousers



1. Melissa George

This little Aussie beauty played Angel in Home and Away. Luckily for us, she's no angel in real life. Since then she's done the complete biz in the much sought-after Australian Penthouse.



2. Danni Minogue

If you don't love Danni, just get out. We don't want to see your ugly face round here no more. As Emma on Home and Away she caused mild stirrings, but boy, has she developed since...



3. Emma Harrison

She played Jo in Neighbours. Looking like that, she could have played a leper with bad breath and we'd still've fancied the pants off her. If you could only get someone's pants off just by fancying them...



4. Kylie Minogue

Hands up who remembers Charlene in Neighbours? Made you wanna puke didn't she? However, since the curse of Neighbours ended, puke's not the bodily fluid you'll be wanting to spill over Kylie...



5. Kimberley Davies

Other Aussie soap stars began sexpot careers when they leave the programme. But Kimberley came in all guns blazing. As Annalise she accounted for a sharp rise in tissue use whenever Neighbours was on.



6. Natalie Imbruglia

As Beth in Neighbours she burst into tears. She was also bursting our trouser seams. She left and stormed the charts. Little does she know she causes a storm in our pants. She's really come of age...

FIFA 98: Road to World Cup

Company EA ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Fairly average footy game. Only for true fans. **65%**

Fighting Force

Company Eidos ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Beat 'em up adventure that's dull as dishwater. **66%**

Final Doom

Company GT ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
30 new levels, but still, at the end of the day, much the same game. **89%**

Final Fantasy VII

Company Sony ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
An epic adventure on three CDs that blows away the competition. **97%**



Firestorm Thunderhawk 2

Company Eidos ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
3D graphics aren't exactly perfect but this is still a great helicopter game. **82%**

Firo and Klawd

Company BMG ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Interesting buddy cop game, but it loses points for no 'save game' option. **82%**

Floating Runner

Company THQ ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Enjoyable, playable 3D platformer with strange viewpoint, weird controls. **81%**

Fluid

Company Sony ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Create your own sounds and music, mix 'em all up. **84%**

Formula 1

Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Negcon/Wheel
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Mega sales worldwide confirm it as the ultimate simulation driving game. **88%**

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Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Improvements all round for this updated racer. **89%**

Formula Karts

Company Telstar ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Negcon/Wheel
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Slick, nice-looking mini racing: fast and furious, but the tracks are short. **81%**

Contacts

UK PlayStation software houses

Acclaim: 0171 344 5000
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Codemasters: 01926 814132
Electronic Arts: 01753 549442
Eidos: 0181 636 3000
Gremlin: 01142 639900
GT Interactive: 0171 565 7300
Interplay: 01628 423666
JVC: 0171 240 3121
Konami: 01895 853000
Microprose: 01454 893893
Mindscape: 01444 246333
Namco: 0171 734 7737
Ocean/Infogrames: 0161 832 6633
Psygnosis: 0151 282 3000
Sony: 0171 447 1600
Telstar: 01932 222232
THQ: 01372 745222
UBI Soft: 0181 941 4004
Virgin: 0171 368 2255

Forsaken £39.99
 ■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special analogue/dual pads
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 A damn fine corridor-style shooter. On bikes. Cool. **90%**

Frenzy £34.99
 ■ Company SCI ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Wannabe wacky shoot 'em up ends up being irritating and shite. **16%**

Frogger 3D £39.99
 ■ Company Hasbro ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Retro classic given a nineties 3D respray. Buckets of gameplay. **88%**

G-Darius £39.99
 ■ Company THQ ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual shock
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Stinking shoot 'em up pits you against a world of murderous fish. **88%**

G-Police £44.99
 ■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1 ■ Special Analogue pad
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× **winner**
 Sci-fi helicopter cop thriller that grabs you by the balls. **93%**




Galaxian 3D £44.99
 ■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-4 ■ Special Negcon
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse✓ Multitap✓
 Graphically impressive shoot 'em up, but lacking in gameplay. **36%**

Gex £44.99
 ■ Company BMG ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Goes to show that if you really try, you can produce a dull platformer. **68%**

Gex 3D £44.99
 ■ Company BMG ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× **winner**
 Very cool platform game. Loads of exploration and adrenalin. **91%**




Ghost in the Shell £34.99
 ■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 ■ Special Analogue pad, dual shock pad
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Manga-based robot shoot 'em up that's a bundle of laffs. **90%**

Goal Storm £39.99
 ■ Company Konami ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Big sprites lumber by on zimmers and stairlifts in this football game. **66%**

Grand Theft Auto £39.99
 ■ Company BMG ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Ultra violent, immoral car game. Not a looker, but amazing gameplay. **90%**

Gran Turismo £39.99
 ■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Analogue/dual shock
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× **winner**
 The ultimate driving game. Buy it now. **97%**




Grid Run £44.95
 ■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-4
 Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse× Multitap✓
 'Tag' game which only really gets 'fun' in multiplayer mode. **64%**

Gunship £44.99
 ■ Company Microprose ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Complex, fairly playable helicopter sim, but just not that realistic... **83%**

Hard Boiled £44.99
 ■ Company EA ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Try woodturning. Knock up a pipe rack. Just don't play this. **40%**

Hardcore 4x4 £44.99
 ■ Company Gremlin ■ Players 1 ■ Special Wheel
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Dull all-terrain racing game with a lack of tracks. **83%**

Heart of Darkness £39.99
 ■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Platformer looks brilliant and plays like a peach. **88%**

Hebereke Popoitto £39.99
 ■ Company Sunsoft ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Two player puzzle game. Fun, but Bust-a-Move 2 is better. **42%**

Help £39.99
 ■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Road Rash, Myst and Broken Sword on one disc! **85%**

Herc's Adventures £44.99
 ■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Solid gameplay and tons of challenge in fun-to-play cartoon frolics. **85%**

Hercules £34.99
 ■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× **winner**
 Cool presentation and gameplay in Disney-inspired platformer. **81%**

Hexen £44.95
 ■ Company GT ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Graphics are a wee bit slow and blocky, but this Doom clone has depth. **84%**

Hi-Octane £44.99
 ■ Company Bullfrog ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Really boring racing game that doesn't have enough substance. **76%**

Hybrid £39.99
 ■ Company Elite ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Could this be the worst PlayStation game ever? Almost... **14%**

Independence Day £44.99
 ■ Company Fox Interactive ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Dated shoot 'em up based loosely on the hit film. **69%**

Indy 500 £39.99
 ■ Company JVC ■ Players 1 ■ Special Analogue pad, steering wheel
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Offensively average Indy car racing sim that's dull, dull, dull. **50%**

Impact Racing £44.95
 ■ Company JVC ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Offbeat racing game mixing Destruction Derby with Mad Max. **82%**

In the Hunt £39.99
 ■ Company THQ ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 2D submarine shoot 'em up with plenty of things to fire at. Which is nice. **79%**

International Track & Field £19.99
 ■ Company Konami ■ Players 1-4
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Addictive sports sim that's even better in its multiplayer mode. **90%**

ISS Deluxe £44.95
 ■ Company Konami ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Straight conversion of that old classic SNES footie game. **66%**

Iron and Blood £44.95
 ■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Average 3D beat 'em up, fantasy style. Not enough to tickle your fancy... **67%**

Iron Man £44.99
 ■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Sad, shoddy drive. A bad game and a total waste of a comics licence. **22%**

ISS Pro £19.99
 ■ Company Konami ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Soccer old-timer that's still slotting 'em in with the best of them. **91%**




ISS Pro 98 £44.99
 ■ Company Konami ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Analogue pad
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× **winner**
 This is a pick-up-and-play classic. Every home should have one. **94%**




Iznogoud £39.99
 ■ Company Sony ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Iz really no good. Iz shit, actually. **9%**

Jeremy McGrath Supercross 98 £39.99
 ■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Supercross? Crapcross, more like. **52%**

Jersey Devil £44.99
 ■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1 ■ Special Analogue pad
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Good looking cartoon platform game that is hard as nails to play. **90%**

Jet Rider £34.99
 ■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Innovative racer is let down by poor graphics and weak gameplay. **63%**

Jet Rider II £34.99
 ■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Lame sci-fi racing sequel that manages to be shittier than the original. **30%**

Johnny Bazookatone £39.99
 ■ Company US Gold ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 A Rock 'n' Roll platformer with poor gameplay. **60%**

Jonah Lomu Rugby £44.99
 ■ Company Codemasters ■ Players 1-4
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap✓
 Brilliant rugby simulation, but bloody fiddly controls drive you mad. **84%**

Judge Dredd £34.99
 ■ Company Gremlin ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Lightgun
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Fast and good looking sci-fi lightgun shooter that doesn't stand out. **73%**

Jumping Flash £39.99
 ■ Company Sony ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Super 3D platformer which has just too few levels to make it a winner. **89%**

Jumping Flash 2 £44.99
 ■ Company Sony ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Perfect sequel to Jumping Flash, but not enough levels. A fiver more... **88%**

KI £44.99
 ■ Company THQ ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Substandard beat 'em up. It's saving grace is reasonable graphics. **55%**

Kick Off 97 £44.99
 ■ Company Maxis ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 It shoots! It misses by an absolute mile. **60%**

Kick Off World £34.99
 ■ Company Funsoft ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 OK-to-play footy effort that looks like it's from a bygone age. **60%**

King of Fighters 95 Rental
 ■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Rental Only
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Not original, but this 2D effort still socks it to ya as a rental game. **70%**

Klonoa £34.99
 ■ Company Sony ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Stomach-churning cuteness doesn't spoil excellent platformer. **86%**

Krazy Ivan £39.99
 ■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Graphics win over playability in this robot game. **73%**

Kula World £34.99
 ■ Company Sony ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Very classy head-stretching puzzle game. **89%**

Kurushi £34.99
 ■ Company Sony ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Block-based puzzle game that isn't going to be the next Tetris. **68%**

The Last Report £39.99
 ■ Company Microids ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Adventure/puzzle game. Like Resident Evil except piss poor. **35%**

Little Big Adventure £44.99
 ■ Company EA ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× **winner**
 Brilliant PlayStation conversion of the PC adventure classic. **91%**




Legacy of Kain £44.99
 ■ Company BMG ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× **winner**
 Vampire action/adventure game with a hugely enjoyable challenge. **92%**




GEAR

Other stuff you need for your 'Station

NEW THINGS!

Nu-Gen Diablo Pad £12.99

Had a horrific car accident which meant that your hands had to be sewn back on the wrong way round? You poor devil. But you'll be pleased to know there's a joypad been specifically designed for people like you. Or at least that's the only explanation we can possibly come up with for the shape of this ugly little mutha...

Get it out for: Unfortunate crippled friends.

Rated: Unusable. Like, totally. If you could send in any photographic proof of you using this successfully to play any 'Station game, we'll give

you a prize. Like maybe a punch in the teeth for being dim enough to buy it in the first place... **40%**

Wild Things Pad £11.99

Mmmm. Lovely soft plastic. Plastic you could nuzzle up to and hold in your arms on those long cold winter's nights. Maybe. C'mon. Which twat thought 'Station gamers were crying out for a release from all those horrid cold pads which hurt their ickle hands?

Get it out for: Ponces you know.

Rated: Utter bollocks. It doesn't fit in your hand, it feels puke, the buttons are funny. And it's got icky lumps. It even smells bad. Ugghhh. **85%**

Jordan Grand Prix Steering Wheel £69.99

An official Grand Prix steering wheel. That's why it's a funny shape, see? But apart from being odd in the shape department, this is yer common or garden steering wheel. It ain't gonna



instantly turn you into the Schumacher of yer living room, but who'd want to metamorphose into a smug, cheating Hun anyway?

Get it out for: Errrr... how's about Formula One games? Go on. Be unorthodox.

Rated: Steers pretty smooth, the pedals are all in the right place and it's even got a nice little gearstick. We got no complaints. This ain't the finest steering wheel in Christendom, but it does the business just like it should. **89%**



PADS

Sony Pad £11.99

The original and still the best pad for your wad: sturdy, accurate.

Get it out for: Everything and anything.

Rated: Unbeatable value: **95%**

Sony Dual Shock Pad £19.99

Analogue pad that vibrates.

Get it out for: To impress.

Rated: Sweet. This'll melt your butter. It's top. **90%**

Cyclone Pad £24.99

Ugly. Crap. Inaccurate. A way-below-average performer...

Get it out for: Nothing.

Rated: Inaccurate piece of shit. **40%**

Gamester Analogue Joypad £19.99

This un's a blatant copy of the Sony pad. But the Sony pad's good.

Get it out for: To disorientate your friends.

Rated: The sticks are stiff and useless, buttons shitty. **60%**

Joytech Controller Plus £8.49

Cheap, cheap, cheap. Looks cheap, plays cheap, feels cheap.

Get it out for: To get sympathy

Rated: File this with herpes on your 'want' list. **40%**

ASCII Resident Evil 2 Control Pad £24.99

Gun-type pad 'specially for zombie murderers.

Get it out for: Just guess.

Rated: Super-specific, does the job. **85%**

Nugen Joypad £8.99

Cheapo joypad with no redeeming features.

Get it out for: As a joke

Rated: Stiff, useless: bollocks. **40%**

Joytech Dual Jolt Control Pad £24.99

Analogue, rumbling joypad. Dual Jolt, Dual Shock, see?

Get it out for: Rumbling.

Rated: Analogue's fine, the rumbling's 'funny'. **70%**

Explorer 32 Dual Format Control Pad £18.99

Looks like pus. Plays like shit.

Get it out for: Never, you hear us? Never.

Rated: Kill those responsible for this. **40%**

Hyperdrive £19.99

Stupid controller with wheely bit. Made by knuckleheads for knuckleheads.

Get it out for: Nothing, dumbass!

Rated: Turd. **50%**

Gamester PSX 1 Control Pad £11.99

Pad that ain't kind to hands.

Get it out for: Emergencies.

Rated: If Santa brought you this, you'd kill Rudolph. **55%**

Nu-gen Dual Impact £19.99

Strangely black and minimal Dual-Shock-a-like.

Get it out for: To impress designer friends.

Rated: A bit odd-shaped, and the rumbling ain't gonna blow you off your seat. **55%**

ASCII Pad £24.99

Deadly accurate but not very comfortable at all.

Get it out for: Playing Crash Bandicoot.

Rated: It's still one sound buy. **90%**



InterAct ProgramPad £29.99

Joypad that you can program to do 87 button presses with the flick of one switch. Beat 'em up central!

Get it out for: Any beat 'em up you're on to. In fact, most games.

Rated: Beat 'em up junkies love it! **85%**

ASCII Grip £24.99

One handed joypad that looks and feels a bit funny. For people with weird hands.

Get it out for: One-handed. Could be useful for Tomb Raider, eh readers?

Rated: Strangely relaxing, but shit-all use for speedy play. **65%**

The Glove £49.99

A weird, black sci-fi glove thing. Wiggle your wrists to control the movement, tap buttons with yer fingers. That's the theory...

Get it out for: Weirdness.

Rated: Don't break out the champagne quite yet, one-armed gamers. It's completely unusable. Be warned. **40%**

Barracuda Joypad £34.99

Big, bulky bastard that plays like dog shit.

Get it out for: Please don't.

Rated: It tired and tested and the bollocksometer has gone off the scale! **30%**

Cyclone Pad £24.99

No good for accuracy or precision.

Get it out for: Don't, basically.

Rated: Below average performer. **50%**



GUBBINS

Sony Link £19.99

Top quality means top gaming when you both have PlayStations and copies of the same game.

Get it out for: Any PlayStation multi-player like WipEout.
Rated: Perfect. **95%**

Nu Gen Link Cable £9.99

Sterling linkage, and all for half the price of the Sony effort.

Get it out for: Red Alert Retaliation

Rated: It links. You can depend on it. It only costs you a ten spot. **95%**

Sony Euro-AV cable £34.99

A sturdy SCART cable that delivers top picture quality.

Get it out for: Better pictures.
Rated: Does the job. **90%**

Sony Memory card £14.99

Stores up to 15 save points accessed automatically by the game. It works, and works well.

Get it out for: Whenever.
Rated: Classic. **95%**

Oatel 360 Memory £19.99

It's got 360 slots! No it hasn't! The bastard doesn't work!

Get it out: With care.

Rated: Pretty unreliable. **60%**

Oatel Action Replay £39.99

Packed with stacks of cheats, it'll take you through to the end of most games. Weekly web updates.

Get it out for: When you're stuck.
Rated: Useful. **80%**

Sony Mouse £24.99

It's grey, you get a free mat, and it works very well.

Get it out for: Point and click adventures (Broken Sword etc).

Rated: Functional. **80%**

PAL Booster £24.99

This little box changes the output from yer import 'Station so you can use it with a non-SCART telly. Except to be honest it doesn't.

Get it out for: Don't.

Rated: It doesn't work at all. You don't need us to tell you that it ain't a good thing. **5%**

Sony Multitap £32.99

Purpose-designed for four-player games.

Get it out for: Thrashing your mates.
Rated: Smart. **95%**

Aura Interactor £24.99

Weird vibrating backpack that makes your stomach churn with every bang.

Get it out for: When you're feeling like stirring up your guts.

Rated: It works. But do you really want it? **75%**

Coloured Memory Cards £14.99

Brand new sparkly clothes for this old fave.

Get it out for: People who like bright colours.

Rated: We like! You can see inside! Wicked! **95%**



WHEELS

VRF-1 X-Cellerator £69.99

No gearstick in evidence, but a big meaty wheel. Feel-wise, it's several notches short of being a real smoothie. You tend to end up turning in that on-off dabbling-the-joypad way that you do with an ordinary pad. Not that bad, but not brilliant...

Get it out for: Only if you don't have a Logic 3 or Gamester.
Rated: Not a top boy, but it does its stuff. Kinda. **80%**

Ultra Racer £29.99

Weirdo analogue steering wheel-lette. It's kind of like a joypad with a tiny ickle wheel stuck on it. But, it does work. Turns are pretty damn analogue, and even the accelerator works like a peach.

Get it out for: Rage Racer.

Rated: Takes a while to get used to, but this does the business reasonably well. But if you ain't playing a fully analogue compatible game, then you might as well forget it. **80%**

Logic 3 £69.99

This is super-slick. Looks, and is the business. It's even got leather bits on it. Turns smoother than you can possibly imagine, and purrs along with a suaveness that'll make you the envy of yer chums.

Get it out for: TOCA Touring Car.

Rated: Turns are sweet and neat. The pedals are just so. Everything's just so perfect, dammit! This is the ultimate accessory for the armchair

motorist. **95%**

Gamester II Wheel and Pedals £59.99

It's got big, beefy pedals, a smooth turning circle and one sweet analogue feel. This has got all the ingredients necessary to really ring your bell. It'll make you drive like a complete demon. Unless you're a total div. Mark our words.

Get it out for: Tearing up the tarmac.

Rated: Not quite up to the gold standard of big daddy Logic 3, but still a tasty purchase. Well worth some of your attention, boys and gals. **94%**

Mad Catz Steering Wheel £56.99

The official Sony wheel. This one has got everything you want in a wheel: sweet little pedals, smooth turning, hard braking. And hey! It's got that official Sony stamp on it!

Get it out for: Whatever takes your fancy.

Rated: A damn fine buy. It ain't quite top dog, but this Mad Catz has been guzzling the marrowbone Pal and it's not far off the top spot.

We like. **93%**

Gamester Rumble Force Wheel £69.99

It purrs like an ickle pussy cat on the straights, and buzzes out the deep-throated growl of the larger varieties of ladies' personal pleaser when you hit trouble. And it steers like a bleedin' demon, too. Smooth, slick, responsive, superb.

Get it out for: Colin McRae Rally.

Rated: This is thumb-suckin' good

with Colin McRae Rally, but it'll warm the cockles of your heart with just about any PlayStation racer you could care to name. Hot damn.

And, thanks to a clever little gizmo that you get bundled with it, it'll even work with the wheel-scambling Gran Turismo. Now that's what we like to see – a steering wheel that's not only hot to rock but isn't afraid to make friends with new games too. Absolutely Top stuff. **93%**



STICKS

Logic 3 Dominator £24.99

Big traditional joystick type stick which turns like a little sweetie..

Get it out for: Analogue compatible racing games.

Rated: Nice to see old joystick're limping with us into the next century. **80%**

Sony ASCII Joystick £49.99

Big bashy joystick's that has got the moves for bashing action...

Get it out for: Annoying your mates at Tekken.

Rated: This oozes kung-fu class, but the turbos and autofires might make it easy to come out tops in beat 'em ups. **80%**

PS II £34.99

Bashy arcade stick where the buttons are too big to get those Tekken combos a-flowin'.

Get it out for: Tekken 2, if you're not a combo fiend.

Rated: A fine piece of kit with one obvious flaw... **75%**

Sony Analogue Joypad £49.99

Big two-stick stick for the budding Biggleses out there...

Get it out for: Air Combat 2.

Rated: Way specialist, but still does the bizz. **70%**



GUNS

Gamester PSX Lightgun £29.99

Works fine and dandy and looks-wise you won't feel ashamed to have it lying around your living room.

Get it out for: Right-handed people only.

Rated: A fine choice for older games, but the turbo function's a bit limp. **80%**

G-Con 45 £59.99 (bundled with game)

This fearsome beast is hyper-accurate and sweet as a nut. Only work with G-Con compatible games, though.

Get it out for: Time Crisis.

Rated: The best lightgun. A dream to use. **97%**

Joytech Real Arcade Lightgun £44.99

Slick cyber-sidearm with recoiling top bit. Can shoot to kill on older games AND on G-Con compatible games.

Get it out for: Time Crisis, only if you don't have a G-Con.

Rated: A touch too heavy, and not as accurate as the G-Con. Still a top performer. **85%**

Hyperblaster £29.95

Looks crap, shoots like a mean bastid. Light, easy to use, and well accurate.

Get it out for: Die Hard Trilogy.

Rated: Spot-on, brain-splatteringly accurate tool. **95%**

Light Blaster £24.99

It's got a cool little flashing light on top.

Get it out for: Kills and spills.

Rated: Accurate, with fast autofires and turbo buttons. **85%**

Erazer Light Gun £29.99

Uzi-type sidearm that's a disgrace to life on earth.

Get it out for: Don't.

Rated: Total bollocks. Half the time it just doesn't work. **40%**

Bloke quiz

How much of a bloke are you?

Being good at games is now officially a bloke skill (Source: The Oxford Bloke Skills Guide 1998). And, yeah, you might well be able to twiddle a joypad with the best of 'em but how well do you shape up in the other bloke stakes? Take our test and find out...

1. You go to the bar to get the drinks for you and two other mates. How do you carry them back?

- a. One at a time
- b. On a tray, borrowed from behind the bar
- c. All three at once. And didn't spill a drop, mate.

2. You're late back from work, stinking of beer. Your girlfriend's real angry about it. What do you do?

- a. Admit you went out for some beers, and say sorry
- b. Invent a story so fantastic she ends up apologising to you. And crying
- c. Ignore her and turn the sound up on the telly

3. Choose the most important thing from this list:

- a. A satisfying career, your health and family
- b. A meaningful, lasting and faithful relationship with somebody you love
- c. Football.

4. You decide to rent a film. What do you plump for?

- a. Driving Miss Daisy
- b. The Lion King
- c. The Rock, Con Air and the whole Die Hard Trilogy.

5. How are your CDs organised?

- a. Don't have that many, actually
- b. God knows. Just any old way
- c. Alphabetically by artist with genre cross-referencing.

6. What did you most enjoy about Titanic?

- a. The central theme of doomed love
- b. The brilliant period detail
- c. The awesome special effects. And Kate Winslet's baps.

7. From these three things, choose the one most likely to reduce you to tears of joy.

- a. A new-born puppy, taking its first steps
- b. An unexpected present from the woman you love
- c. The way Amie loads his shotgun during the bike chase scene in Terminator 2.



■ The Lion King: soft, in the mane



■ Kate Winslet: puppies we'd like to love

How to score:

Never mind if you scored c for all the questions, if you were a real bloke you'd never have done the quiz in the first place.

Lethal Enforcers

£34.99

■ Company Konami ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Lightgun
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Awful conversion of already-bad arcade lightgun game.

30%

Loaded

£39.99

■ Company Gremlin ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
An action-packed traditional sort of blaster, lacking in variety.

75%

Lomax in Lemmingsland

£44.95

■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
It's a Lemmings-inspired platformer. Our verdict? It just leaves us cold.

70%

Lone Soldier

£39.99

■ Company Telstar ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
This strikes us as being pretty much Commando in 3D, but way too slow.

72%

Lost Vikings 2

£44.99

■ Company Interplay ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Average arcade game which fails to deliver much originality.

63%

The Lost World

£44.99

■ Company EA ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Platformer from Spielberg dino-fest. Never really gets its teeth into you...

81%

Lucky Luke

£39.99

■ Company Infogrames ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
A good laugh action game spoilt by shite platform bits.

73%

Machine Hunter

£44.95

■ Company Eidos ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
A top-down shoot 'em which takes on Loaded fair and square.

88%

Madden 98

£44.99

■ Company EA ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Finely tuned gameplay make this current king of the grid-iron games.

89%

Madden NFL 97

£44.99

■ Company EA ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
A good, solid American Football simulation that'll keep you coming back for more.

86%

Magic Carpet

£44.99

■ Company Bullfrog ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Fast 3D sorcery shoot 'em up with many levels to explore.

98%

Marvel Super Heroes

£44.99

■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Comic book characters beating the stuffing out of each other. Superb.

90%

Masters of Teras Kasi

£39.99

■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Lightgun
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Star Wars characters in a beat 'em up? We'd rather inject horse snot.

30%

Maximum Force

£39.99

■ Company GT ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Lightgun
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Conversion of a crap arcade shoot 'em up. Why did they bother?

50%

MDK

£49.99

■ Company Interplay ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Interesting shoot 'em up let down badly by patchy graphics

80%

Mechwarrior 2

£44.99

■ Company Activision ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Giant robots in quality 3D shoot 'em up. Plenty of blasting action.

83%

MegaMan Battle and Chase

£44.99

■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Cheapo racing game fails to deliver laughs or thrills.

36%

MegaMan X3

£44.95

■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Platformer rates playability over looks. 9 levels will keep you busy.

81%

MegaMan 8

£39.95

■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Cutesy platform shooter with nothing new or interesting to offer.

53%

Men in Black

£39.99

■ Company Gremlin ■ Players 1 ■ Special Analogue Pad
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Hugely disappointing film conversion. Nice looking, but no game

69%

Mickey's Wild Adventure

£39.99

■ Company Sony ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Don't let 'wild' and 'adventure' sucker you. Another average platformer.

66%

Midnight Run

£39.99

■ Company Konami ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Superfast racing game that's a total turd to play. Ughhhh.

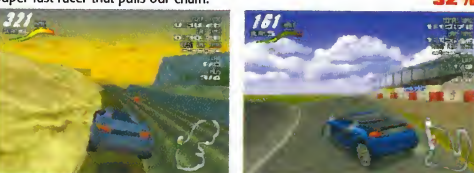
65%

Motorhead

£39.99

■ Company Gremlin ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Analogue Pad
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Super-fast racer that pulls our chain.

92%



Motor Mash

£44.99

■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Derivative comic racing game: nice graphics, but it's slow and dull.

68%

Micro Machines 99 £19.99
■ Company Codemasters ■ Players 1-8
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✓
The best multi-player game on the PlayStation. A real racing classic.



Monopoly

£39.99

■ Company Hasbro ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✓ Multitap ✗
Smooth PlayStation version of the classic board game.

78%

Monster Trucks

£44.99

■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
This off-road racer never really gets going...

82%

Mortal Kombat 3

£44.95

■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
MK fans will go mental, but for us, Streetfighter still rules the 2D scene

81%



Mortal Kombat Mythologies

£44.99

■ Company GT ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Boring, unplayable one-player quest version of the old beat 'em up.

50%

Mortal Kombat Trilogy

£44.95

■ Company GT ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
About every MK character, so hardcore MKers will be happy...

91%



Moto Racer

£44.99

■ Company EA ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Very speedy arcade racer with lots to recommend it.

85%

Motor Toon Grand Prix 2

£44.99

■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Comic racing game manages to trounce the original.

85%

Mr Domino

£34.99

■ Company JVC ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Puzzle game spoilt by poor control.

70%

Myst

£44.95

■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Point/click adventure with static screens. It won't set your world on fire.

76%

N20

£39.99

■ Company Gremlin ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Fast, arcadey shoot 'em up with an ace techno soundtrack. We like.

89%

Nagano Winter Olympics

£39.99

■ Company Konami ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✓
The people who brought you Track and Field slip up with this bollocks.

35%

Namco Museum Vol.1

£39.99

■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Hits from the gaming crypt. And yes, it does include Pacman.

84%

Namco Museum Vol.2

£39.99

■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Nowhere near as strong a collection, unless you're a big Xevious fan.

63%

Namco Museum Vol.3

£39.99

■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
There is just too much dross on this disc...

71%

Namco Museum Vol.4

£39.99

■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Only PacLand stands out from the crowd here.

67%

Namco Museum Vol.5

£44.99

■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Retro compilation that makes it courtesy of a couple of gems.

75%

Nanotek Warrior £39.99
 ■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Enjoyable shooting action, but a lack of levels to keep you interested. **77%**

NASCAR 98 £39.99
 ■ Company EA ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Ugly, dull racing game with a hideous soundtrack. **64%**

NASCAR Racing £44.95
 ■ Company EA ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Crap Days of Thunder-style racing game, bad in every single way... **35%**

NBA Fastbreak £39.99
 ■ Company Midway ■ Players 1-4
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap✓
 Very realistic but frustrating to play. **65%**

NBA Hangtime £39.99
 ■ Company GT ■ Players 1-4
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap✓
 Basketball game. Bit of a laugh. Nuff said. **72%**

NBA in the Zone £44.95
 ■ Company Konami ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 The large sprites are pretty agile, and it has more pace than Total NBA... **85%**

NBA in the Zone 2 £44.95
 ■ Company Konami ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Beefed-up graphics make this slam-dunk sequel quite classy. **91%**

NBA Jam Extreme £44.95
 ■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-4
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap✓
 Yet another basketball game: a couple of outrageous comic features. **80%**

NBA Jam Tournament £39.99
 ■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-4
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap✓
 Conversion of the coin-op with 2D characters going two-on-two. **86%**

NBA Live 96 £44.99
 ■ Company EA ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Uses the FIFA '96 graphics engine, and it shows all too clearly... **81%**

NBA Live 98 £39.99
 ■ Company EA ■ Players 1-8 ■ Special Analogue pad
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap✓
 Good-looking basketball effort that offers a bouncing bundle of gameplay. **87%**

NBA Live 97 £44.99
 ■ Company EA ■ Players 1-8
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap✓
 Brilliant multiplayer game with loads of options. **91%**

NBA Pro 98 £39.99
 ■ Company Konami ■ Players 1-4
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap✓
 We don't need anymore basketball games, thanks. **30%**

Need for Speed £19.99
 ■ Company EA ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 A second rate bash at Ridge Racer. It definitely needs more speed... **70%**

Need for Speed 2 £44.99
 ■ Company EA ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Looks crap, and plays even worse than its prequel. **49%**

Need for Speed III £39.99
 ■ Company EA ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Analogue pad
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Very fast, good-looking racer Miles better than one and two. **89%**

Newman Haas Racing £44.99
 ■ Company EA ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Analogue pad
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 A bit of a poor F1 copy. Only for die-hards. **75%**

NFL Gameplay £44.99
 ■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Pretty average in every department. **82%**

NFL Quarterback Club £39.99
 ■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-8
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Competent sports sim let down by blocky graphics... **75%**

NHL 97 £44.99
 ■ Company EA ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Polygon-based sprites make this a really good-looking sports sim... **91%**

NHL 98 £44.99
 ■ Company EA ■ Players 1-8
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap✓
 Ice hockey game that's even slicker than last year's version. **91%**

NHL Breakaway 98 £44.99
 ■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-8
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap✓
 If ice hockey's your bag, this ain't bad for a spin. **89%**

NHL Face Off £34.99
 ■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-8
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap✓
 Nice looking but dull ice hockey effort. Nothing new here. **65%**

NHL Face Off 97 £34.95
 ■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-8
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap✓
 Just another average sequel, in spite of extra features... **65%**

NHL Open Ice £34.95
 ■ Company GT ■ Players 1-4
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap✓
 Arcade-style ice hockey game. No great shake. **70%**

NHL Powerplay 98 £39.99
 ■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-8 ■ Special Analogue pad
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap✓
 If you've gotta get a hockey game, you could do a lot worse... **89%**

Nightmare Creatures £39.99
 ■ Company Sony ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Buckets o' blood in this Victorian hack and slash zombie epic. Way cool. **89%**

Ninja: Shadow of Darkness £44.99
 ■ Company Eidos ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Good-looking killing game, let down by lack of variety. **82%**

The Note £39.99
 ■ Company Sunsoft ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Basic adventure. Boring and dull. **45%**

Nova Storm £39.99
 ■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Start game. Fire continuously. Finish game eventually. That's it... **55%**

Nuclear Strike £44.99
 ■ Company EA ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Explosive and absorbing strategic shoot 'em up. **91%**

Off World Interceptor £39.99
 ■ Company BMG ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 4x4s bounce about on the moon in this dull race game. **68%**

Olympic Games £44.95
 ■ Company US Gold ■ Players 1-4
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap✓
 International Track and Field is the game to beat. This doesn't come close. **70%**

Olympic Soccer £44.95
 ■ Company US Gold ■ Players 1-4
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap✓
 One of the most playable loote games on the PlayStation. **93%**

One £39.99
 ■ Company ASC ■ Players 1 ■ Special Analogue Pad
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Fast, good looking ultra-violent platform shooter let down by dull combat. **83%**

OnSide £44.99
 ■ Company Telstar ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 This is the most incredibly bland football game. **65%**

Overblood £44.99
 ■ Company EA ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Quite annoying Resident Evil clone with little action. **76%**

Pandemonium £19.99
 ■ Company BMG ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Stunning effects instinctive gameplay puts other platformers to shame. **91%**

Pandemonium 2 £44.99
 ■ Company BMG ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Big platformer, trippy visuals. Worth a look. **83%**

Panzer General £44.99
 ■ Company Mindscape ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Full-blown strategy game is hard work thanks to historical accuracy. **59%**

Parappa the Rapper £29.99
 ■ Company Sony ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Original, fun rapping version of Simon Says. Offbeat and amusing. **89%**

Pax Corpus £39.99
 ■ Company Cryo ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 For a joke, persuade a mate to buy this piece of shit... **30%**

Peak Performance £39.99
 ■ Company JVC ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special NegCon
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Substandard racing game. Lots of options, not much else. **65%**

Perfect Weapon £44.95
 ■ Company EA ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Beat 'em up-style adventure which is crap in both departments. **51%**

PGA Tour 96 £19.99
 ■ Company EA ■ Players 1-8
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 A dodgy putting system lets this golf sim down badly. **59%**

PGA Tour 97 £44.99
 ■ Company EA ■ Players 1-4
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Probably the best-looking golf sim, but gameplay is becoming too similar. **65%**

PGA Tour 98 £39.99
 ■ Company EA ■ Players 1-4
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Golf game that fails to offer anything new. **68%**

Phat Air Snowboarding £34.99
 ■ Company Funsoft ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Analogue pad
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Snowboarding-bandwagon-jumper that doesn't quite cut the mustard. **75%**

Pitball £44.95
 ■ Company Warner ■ Players 1-4
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap✓
 Speedball-type thing, but with pretty bog-standard looks and playability. **73%**

Pitfall 3D £39.99
 ■ Company Activision ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Very playable platformer thankfully without cuteness. **84%**

Player Manager £44.95
 ■ Company Anco ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Predictable results spoil this football management sim. **68%**

Po 'Ed £44.99
 ■ Company Warner ■ Players 1
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Interesting weapons, surprise monsters raise a laugh in this Doom-clone. **76%**

Point Blank £34.99
 ■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special G-Con 45
 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap×
 Amazingly cool shooting-gallery-style compilation game. **92%**

Parents Challenge £19.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special NegCon/Wheel
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Driving game let down by lack of variety, and lack of tracks. **80%**

Powerplay Hockey 96 £44.95

Company Virgin ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✓
Good range of aggressive matches. Fast-paced, end-to-end stuff **85%**

Power Soccer 2 £34.99

Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✓
Amazingly average football game that won't hold your interest. **70%**

Poy Poy £34.95

Company Konami ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✓
Cool multiplayer game. Not so good by yourself. **83%**

Premier Manager 98 £44.99

Company Gremlin ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✓ Multitap ✗
Superb football management sim. **92%**



Pro Pinball: The Web £44.95

Company Empire ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Ball movement so fluid it handles like the real thing. **93%**



Pro Pinball Timeshock £24.99

Company Empire ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
One big, beautiful mother of a pinball table: all yours to have and hold... **89%**

Project Overkill £44.95

Company Konami ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
High-tech, underachieving version of the old arcade stalwart Bezerk... **79%**

Psychic Detective £44.99

Company EA ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Loadsa endings, views and three CDs make this enjoyable. **84%**

Psychic Force £44.95

Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
An enjoyable enough 3D beat 'em up, but it lacks depth. **76%**

R-Types £39.99

Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual shock
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Two games one old, one new. Both top-of-the-range shoot 'em ups. **81%**

Rage Racer £39.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1 ■ Special NegCon/Wheel
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Classic racing game. One of the best on the PlayStation. Buy it! **93%**



Raging Skies £44.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Flight sim looks dated and gets repetitive after a while. Pretty average. **73%**

Raiden Project £39.99

Company Ocean ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Enjoyable, but limited. Animation and graphics are only mediocre... **72%**

Rally Cross £34.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1-4 ■ Special Analogue pad
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✓
Rolling cars aplenty in fun racer, plus 4 player mode... **88%**

Rampage World Tour £34.99

Company GT ■ Players 1-3
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✓
Pick a monster and smash up towns. As much fun as it sounds. **69%**

Rapid Racer £34.95

Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Analogue pad
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
White water racer: let down by slow two-player mode. **82%**

Rapid Reload £39.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Entertaining, but limited platform shoot 'em up. **80%**

Rascal £44.99

Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1 ■ Special Analogue pad
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Disappointing platformer made worse by cackola camera angles. **53%**

Rayman £19.99

Company Ubi Soft ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Repetitive platformer with a lack of flexibility. **43%**

Ray Storm £34.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Vertical blasting shoot 'em up that's tough, demanding and fast. **83%**

Ray Tracers £34.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Car chase game has some good action, but it's over far too quickly. **73%**

Real Bout: Fatal Fury RENTAL

Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Very stale and slow beat 'em up. Avoid. **30%**

Rebel Assault 2 £44.99

Company Virgin ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
A Star Wars romp, but there's not enough variety and trickery. **46%**

Reboot £39.99

Company EA ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Analogue pad
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Hover board game feels great to play, but limited. **83%**

Red Asphalt: Rock & Roll Racing 2 £44.99

Company Interplay ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special NegCon/Steering wheel
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Speedsters with awesome firepower fail to mix into a gameplay Molotov. **68%**

Reloaded £44.95

Company Gremlin ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Smidgin better than the original. But that wasn't much fun either. **73%**

Resident Evil £49.99

Company Virgin ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
This horror adventure is one of the PlayStation's finest games. **94%**



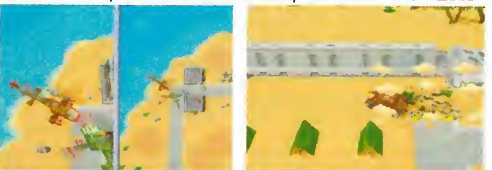
Resident Evil Director's Cut £34.99

Company Virgin ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Cash-in version of the original that's got lots of nice touches. **91%**



Return Fire £44.95

Company Warner ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
You take out enemy bases with a selection of army vehicles. Good fun. **91%**



Revolution X £39.99

Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Aerosmith feature throughout... but this is one sad game really. **48%**

Ridge Racer £19.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1 ■ Special NegCon/Wheel
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Excellent racing game, but lacking in tracks. **76%**

Ridge Racer Revolution £19.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special NegCon/Wheel
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Better than the original, with more cars and better controls. **84%**

Rise 2: Resurrection £44.99

Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Despite plenty of fighters, this is still only a mediocre beat 'em up... **78%**

Riot £44.95

Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-16
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Despite mega multiplayer possibility, this game offers little for your cash. **67%**

Risk £39.99

Company Hasbro ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✓ Multitap ✗
A new spin on the classic board game that's well worth a look. **81%**

Riven £49.99

Company Acclaim ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✓ Multitap ✗
Clever and great looking puzzle game. But not for everyone. **84%**

Road Rash £19.99

Company EA ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Straightforward, frustrating racing game. **64%**

Road Rash 3D £39.99

Company EA ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Laughs aplenty in bikes 'n' violence racer. **80%**

Robotron X £44.95

Company GT ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Simple, mindless run and shoot shenanigans. Overpriced, undersped. **66%**

Rosco McQueen £34.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Firefighting fun. A good laugh but more suited to youngsters. **78%**

Sampras Extreme Tennis £44.95

Company Codemasters ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Real ease of play and lots of views raise it above unseeded rivals... **89%**

Samurai Showdown Rental

Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Abysmal rental-only beat 'em up. **19%**

San Francisco Rush £34.99

Company GT ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Why buy a good racing game when you could play this lump of turd? **48%**

SCARS £39.99

Company Ubi Soft ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Laughs replace realism in cool racer. Be warned, though: it's tough. **83%**

Sentient £44.95

Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Set on a spaceship, this game is pretty ambitious, but too complicated. **71%**

Sentinel Returns £34.99

Company THQ ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Even having your eyes skewered with fish hooks is better than this. **30%**

Shadow Master £39.99

Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1 ■ Special Analogue Pad
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
You in a tank and loads of mindless blasting. Very good. **88%**

Shellshock £44.99

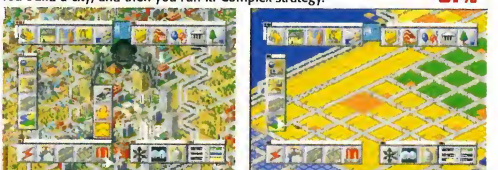
Company Core Design ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Pretty second rate: levels are dull and grey, and action is very limited. **75%**

Shockwave £39.99

Company EA ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Empty shoot 'em up with tiny sprites against a dull background. **56%**

Sim City 2000 £44.99

Company Maxis ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
You build a city, and then you run it. Complex strategy. **91%**



Skeleton Warriors £44.95

Company Virgin ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Looks, smells and feels like an old 16-bit game... and it plays like one too. **69%**

Skull Monkeys £44.95

Company EA ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Plasticinetic action with a day hero bouncing on monkeys' heads. **79%**

Slam 'n' Jam '96 £44.95

Company BMG ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Huge sprites, poor camera views and easy gameplay make this a dog. **64%**

Smash Court Tennis £44.95

Company Sony ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Slow, unresponsive game. You buy kit, but the actual matches are grim. **57%**

Best beat 'em ups

Five fighters to rock your world



■ Tekken 3: Not having it doesn't bear thinking about...

1. Tekken 3

The big daddy. Don't even think about not owning this game. Got a granny? Then sell her to get your hands on this.

2. Street Fighter EX Plus Alpha

Sooo slick and good-looking it gives George Clooney sleepless nights. This is the Street Fighter games of old given a good old polish. And dunnit just look good.

3. Dead or Alive

Yeah, so the girl's chest have more bounce than Melinda Messenger in an elastic band factory. But this ain't just heaving chests, it's got the awesome moves and great looks to go with it.

4. Tekken 2

Not two Tekkens in the same chart? Sure, why not? We live and breathe Tekken round these parts and there's a good reason why: these games are shit-hot. And you can get your hands on this one for under twenty nicker

5. Soul Blade

Think Tekken except this is Tekken with swords! Yep, this beauty's got all the trapping of awesome blade-swiping death. Some say it's too easy. We say it's got thrills aplenty.

Smash Court Tennis

£44.95

■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-4

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

Slow, unresponsive game. You buy kit, but the actual matches are grim. 57%

Snow Racer

£34.99

■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1-2

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

Lotsa fun racing game on boards and skis.

85%

Soul Blade

£34.95

■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

This classic weapons-based beat 'em up has all the right ingredients.

94%



Soviet Strike

£19.99

■ Company EA ■ Players 1

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

Good sound effects and graphics create a classy 3D chopper shoot 'em up. 92%



Space Hulk

£19.99

■ Company EA ■ Players 1

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

Drag mercenaries around. Slow but good strategy/action game.

84%

Space Jam

£44.95

■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

Dull movie-based cash-in basketball game. Why put yourself through it? 65%

Spawn: The Eternal

£39.99

■ Company Sony ■ Players 1

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

Useless blend of beat 'em up and adventure. Avoid.

32%

Speed King

■ Company Konami ■ Players 1

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

Slow, boring and about as exciting as watching an egg boil. Maybe less so. 45%

Speedster

£44.95

■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-2

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

Top-down view racing game that's lacking in speed and playability.

64%

Spice World

£19.99

■ Company Sony ■ Players 1

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

A shabby excuse of a game. Short, boring and unimaginative.

21%

Spider

£39.99

■ Company BMG ■ Players 1

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

An innovative idea for a platform game, but fails to rise above average.

70%

Spot goes to Hollywood

£34.95

■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

Too little, too late for this platformer. Er, it's got good music though...

77%

Star Gladiator

£44.95

■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

Capcom's first 3D beat 'em up. They don't make a bad job of it either.

91%



Starfighter 3000

£44.95

■ Company Telstar ■ Players 1

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

Nice enough to have a gawp at, but there's not enough going on.

80%

Star Wars: Masters of Teras Kasi

£34.99

■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

A shite bubble of a Star Wars beat 'em up. Absolute crap.

30%

Starwinder

£44.95

■ Company Mindscape ■ Players 1

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

Simplest racing game where every level plays the same.

59%

Steel Harbinger

£44.95

■ Company Mindscape ■ Players 1

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

Dull graphics, but 11 levels and variety of weapons can make this fun.

79%

Steel Reign

£34.99

■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

Cool tank game that can be a bit repetitive. Worth a look, though.

75%

Street Fighter Alpha

£44.99

■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

Update of Street Fighter series with new moves and new characters.

91%



Street Fighter Alpha 2

£44.99

■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

Custom combos and counter-moves add up to an excellent sequel.

92%



Street Fighter Collection

£39.99

■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓ Joypad✓

Three Street Fighter games, one CD. That's science for you.

87%

Street Fighter Ex Plus Alpha

£44.95

■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

Superb fighting in 3D take on the Street Fighter theme.

93%



Street Fighter The Movie

£39.99

■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

Insult to the Street Fighter name. Based on the movie.

67%

Street Racer

£44.95

■ Company UBI Soft ■ Players 1-8

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

Fair to middling racing game with plenty to do, except get excited...

79%

Strikepoint: the Hex Missions

£44.95

■ Company THQ ■ Players 1-2

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

Poor helicopter game. Why not have a bash at Soviet Strike instead?

60%

Striker 96

£39.99

■ Company Warner ■ Players 1-4

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

Simplistic football game. Binary soccer at its worst.

69%

Suikoden

£44.99

■ Company Konami ■ Players 1

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

Solid role-playing game that isn't going to change your life...

81%

Super Match Soccer

£39.99

■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-8

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

Yawnsome footy game. For God's sake don't buy it.

33%

Super Football Champ

£39.99

■ Company Mindscape ■ Players 1-2

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

Oh dear. Drab, boring, unplayable. Truly hideous football game.

46%

Super Pang Collection

£39.99

■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1-2

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

An arcade-perfect version of the retro bubble-bursting games.

53%

Super Puzzle Fighter 2

£39.95

■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

Horribly addictive puzzle game featuring Ryu, Ken and friends.

92%



Supersonic Racers

£44.95

■ Company Mindscape ■ Players 1-2

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

Micro Machines-style racer doesn't pull out enough stops to keep you hooked.

74%

Swagman

£44.99

■ Company Eidos ■ Players 1

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

There's plenty of arcade-style fun on offer in this great-looking 2D game.

85%

Syndicate Wars

£44.95

■ Company EA ■ Players 1-4

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

This is an ultra-cool and violent strategy shoot 'em up with amazing 3D graphics.

92%



Takken

£19.99

■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

Namco's first beat 'em up. Interesting backgrounds, realistic characters.

90%

Takken 2

£19.99

■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2

Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✓ Multitap✓

Improves on a great original. One of the best fighting games around...

95%



Magwatch

How do other mags review games?

Everyone's in on it these days. Every mag wants to review games. Let's see how they're doing...

Sorted!

Julie Darling reviews the latest computer games...

Masters of Terros Karzi



Star Wars characters make an appearance in this game, and that ought to be enough to recommend it to anyone. The press release says you can pick one of the characters and then make him fight with another character just by pressing the buttons. And having a game where characters fight each other must be a first! I'm sure this would be excellent. If I'd actually played it. What do you mean it was out months ago? **10/10**



Iznogoud
Izzverygoodactually! No, but seriously, if you put this

game into your PlayStation all sorts of colours appear and sounds come out of the television. Which must be a first! A hit in anyone's books and one that's bound to make the winter nights fly by. This one's dead old too, is it? Doesn't matter. **10/10**



Driving around a track has never been so much fun. Just get in your car (not a real one, of course, the one in the game!) and then press a button to make it go fast around a track without crashing (if you can't).

I couldn't, but I was able to unlock some of the game's many secrets, such as another button which makes the car slow down if you press it. And that's a first! With this many buttons to press some people may be put off. But the nice man at the PR company said it's really good. I quite fancy him actually... **3/10**

Seen any frankly crap 'lifestyle' mag reviews of games? Let us know...

Tekken 3

Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗



The big daddy of all beat 'em ups. So good it hurts. **96%**

Tempest X3

Company Interplay ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

A PlayStation update of a justifiably great retro shooter. **80%**

Tenka

Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Not even polygon graphics can save this poor Doom clone from oblivion. **82%**

Tennis Arena

Company UBIsoft ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Slick tennis game. But do we want slick tennis games? **76%**

Ten Pin Alley

Company EA ■ Players 1-6
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Could have been good fun... but sadly it isn't. No more than a novelty. **54%**

Test Drive: Off Road

Company Eidos ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Devoid of excitement and playability. Looks dreadful too. **46%**

Test Drive 4

Company EA ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Analogue pad
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

It's got lots of tracks, but it's slow and it don't look too nice. **70%**

Tetris Plus

Company JVC ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Classic puzzle game gets a revamp. Still dead addictive. **82%**

Theme Hospital

Company EA ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✓ Multitap ✗

Lots of fun with people with strange illnesses in this cartoon hospital sim. **84%**

Theme Park

Company Bullfrog ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Explore your park in 3D in this gentle sim. Quietly enjoyable. **85%**

Three Lions

Company BMG ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Ugly, slow, boring and bollocks footy game that'll sap your will to live. **50%**

Tiger Shark

Company GT ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Impossibly high difficulty level ruins this otherwise excellent shoot 'em up. **72%**

Time Commando

Company EA ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Unusual, but fun. Slightly unwieldy controls. **81%**

Time Crisis

Company Sony ■ Players 1 ■ Special Gcon 45
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

So playable even your girlfriend'll enjoy it. The definitive gun game. **93%**

Tobal No.1

Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

A fair beat 'em up improved greatly with the addition of a quest mode. **91%**

TOCA Touring Car Championship

Company Codemasters ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Analogue pad
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Hyper-realistic touring car racer. A real blast. **91%**

Tomb Raider

Company Eidos ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Top totty in Indiana Jones-style antics. One of the best games ever... **92%**

Tomb Raider 2

Company Eidos ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Bigger and bolder than the classic original. Lara's back! **95%**

Tombi

Company Sony ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Typically Jap-style cuteness fails to ruin an excellent platformer. **79%**

Tommi Makinen Rally

Company Europross ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Rally effort ain't much cop. In fact it's pants. **50%**

Top Gun: Fire at Will

Company Microprose ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Gung-ho movie spin-off not worth your effort tracking down. **66%**

Total Drivin'

Company Ocean ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Analogue pad
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

A selection of arcade racing thrills that's well worth a look. **86%**

Total NBA 96

Company Sony ■ Players 1-8
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Pretty damn fine basketball game with some excellent attention to detail. **83%**

Total NBA 97

Company Sony ■ Players 1-8
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Enough improved graphics and gameplay to make it a better game. **85%**

Total NBA 98

Company Sony ■ Players 1-8 ■ Special Analogue/dual shock
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Good, but ONLY if you're a basketball fiend. **79%**

Tokyo Highway Battle

Company THQ ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Kind of a sub-Rage Racer game with average graphics. **77%**

Toshinden 3

Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Derivative fighting game that would take a pasting from Namco any day... **76%**

Transport Tycoon

Company Ocean ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Build roads, railways, docks and airports in this great God sim. **86%**

Trash It

Company GT ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Platformer that has good ideas, but just not enough immediate action. **57%**

Treasures of the Deep

Company Sony ■ Players 1 ■ Special Analogue pad
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Sluggish submarine adventure-type game. **78%**

Tron Pinball

Company Ocean ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

It may have four tables, it may be a good game, but The Web is better. **50%**

Tunnel B1

Company Ocean ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Wipeout breeds with Doom in this high speed shoot 'em up. **89%**

Twisted Metal

Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Destroy the suburbs in this Mad Max-style car battle. **82%**

Twisted Metal World Tour

Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Good sequel even grander in thrills and spills than the original. **88%**

Vandal Hearts

Company Konami ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Average graphics don't spoil playable and engrossing role-playing game. **86%**

V-Ball Beach Volley Heroes

Company Funsoft ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Kung-fu-esque volleyball effort that's plenty fun in two-player. **75%**

Versailles

Company Cryo ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Even other point 'n' click adventures aren't as boring as this. **10%**

Victory Boxing

Company JVC ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Deeper than a lot of fighting games and takes some getting into. **74%**

Vigilante 8

Company Activision ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Excellent mix of racing and carnage. Superb. **91%**

Viper

Company Ocean ■ Players 1 ■ Special Analogue pad
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

cacky controls spoil otherwise stonking 'copter shoot 'em up. **70%**

Virtual Golf

Company Core Design ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

Nowhere near as good as the excellent Actua Golf. **57%**

Virtual Pool

Company Interplay ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗

This is a great pool game which is a pretty realistic simulation. **85%**

VMX Racing £34.99
Company Funsoft **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 Dirt bike racing game that looks like it's about a thousand years old. **50%**

V-Rally £44.99
Company Ocean **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** × **winner**
 Seat-of-the-pants racing. 40 separate stages to keep you busy! **94%**

VR Baseball £44.99
Company Interplay **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 A fine conversion of the sport, but unlikely to attract too many Brits. **72%**

VR Powerboat Racing £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2 **Special** Steering wheel, analogue, NegCon
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 Speedboat racing sim that is waaaaaay bollocks. **40%**

Vs £39.99
Company THQ **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 L.A. gang war beat 'em up that's fun but looks a little bit ugh. **83%**

V Tennis £44.95
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 Mediocre tennis sim that's hard to be bothered about at all. **75%**

Warcraft 2 £44.95
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 Excellent strategy game. No mouse/two-player link detract from gameplay. **88%**

WarGames: Defcon 1 £39.99
Company EA **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue pad/Dual shock pad
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 Full-on strategy/war-type thing. Excellent, actually. **90%**

Wargods £44.95
Company GT **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 3D fighting game with mushy graphics and lousy gameplay. **59%**

Warhammer £44.99
Company Mindscape **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 Not much to look at, but depth of gameplay means it has more to offer. **86%**

Warhammer II: Dark Omen £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 Loads of depth in this goblin-infested fantasy war epic. Charge! **83%**

Warhawk £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 Instantly playable, though controls are tricky at first. **82%**

Wayne Gretzky's 3D Hockey 98 £39.99
Company GT **Players** 1-4
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** × **Rent it**
 Fast and furious, but won't last long. **74%**

WCW Nitro £39.99
Company THQ **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 Not bad as wrestling efforts go. But still... **63%**

WCW vs The World £44.99
Company THQ **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 Brilliant wrestling game with 60 characters. No handbags or milk stouts... **88%**

Wild Arms £34.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 A must for all hardcore RPG fans. Yes, really. **88%**

Williams Arcade Classics £44.99
Company GT **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 Retro compilation with five good games out of six, including Defender... **89%**

Wing Commander III £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 Superb movie sequences mix it with poor gameplay in this space opera. **80%**

Wing Commander IV £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 Better full motion video sequences... but worse gameplay. **50%**

Wingover £44.99
Company JVC **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 Boring flying game overshadowed by Air Combat 2. **40%**

WinOut £19.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1-2 **Special** NegCon
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 Ultra-fast, ultra-stylish racer. A must for speed freaks... **78%**

WinOut 2037 £19.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1-2 **Special** NegCon/Wheel
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** × **winner**
 Bigger and better in every way than its great predecessor. **94%**

World Cup 98 £39.99
Company EA **Players** 1-8
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 Fast, tasty-lookin' footy sim that's cooking on gas. **90%**

World Cup Golf £39.99
Company US Gold **Players** 1-8
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 Great graphics, but some of the courses can be imprecise. **80%**

World League Basketball £39.99
Company Mindscape **Players** 1-8
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 World League Basketball? We'd rather down a pint of dog piss, thanks. **30%**

World League Soccer £39.99
Company Eidos **Players** 1-4
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** × **winner**
 This is the cream of the crop when it comes to footy games. Buy it. **93%**

Worms £19.99
Company Ocean **Players** 1-4
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** × **Rent it**
 Multiplayer joy will be yours to savour in this fabulous battle game... **82%**

Wreckin' Crew £44.99
Company Telstar **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** × **Rent it**
 Small car racing's a lot of laughs, if flawed. **80%**

WWF in your House £44.95
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-4
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 Well below average wrestling game. **48%**

WWF Warzone £39.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-4
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 Build your own fighter in this cool wrestler **73%**

WWF Wrestlemania £39.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-4
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 Entertaining fighting game with some pretty deadly special moves. **83%**

X2 £44.95
Company Ocean **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 A tedious shoot 'em up which is just way too difficult to master... **58%**

X-Com: Enemy Unknown £44.99
Company Microprose **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 Enjoy strategy gaming at its very best as you take on alien invaders **88%**

X-Com: Terror from the Deep £44.99
Company Microprose **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 Pretty much X-Com: Enemy Unknown played underwater... **82%**

Xenocracy £39.99
Company Grolier **Players** 1 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 A dogshit of a game. **20%**

X-Men: Children of the Atom £44.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 Superhero beat 'em up that's too slow to punch with the big boys. **75%**

X-Men Vs Street Fighter £44.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** × **Rent it**
 One for nostalgia buffs only, really, but it's still a good beat 'em up. **74%**

Z £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 Robots slug it out in this tricky strategy effort. **80%**

Zeitgeist [Jupiter Strike] £39.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 Slow, clumsy 3-D shooting game which seriously lacks appeal. **43%**

Zero Divide £44.99
Company Ocean **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** × **Mouse** × **Multitap** ×
 A sound enough fighting game, but nothing special. **72%**

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2 5th
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Gran Turismo (Sony)
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3 1st
World Cup 98 (EA)
 Summer memories remain

4 (NE) Premier Manager 98 (Gremlin)
 For yer budding Fergies and O'Neills.

5 (NE) Point Blank (Sony)
 Cute looking — serious shooting.

6 (NE) Time Crisis and Gun (Sony)
 And the weapon's bundled in too...

7 (9) Die Hard Trilogy (Platinum)
 Brucey bonus. Wahey!

8 (6) Tomb Raider (Platinum)
 The original Croft adventure.

9 (3) Resident Evil 2 (Virgin)
 An absolute must-have.

10 (NE) Crash Bandicoot (Platinum)
 Still making his mark in the top ten.

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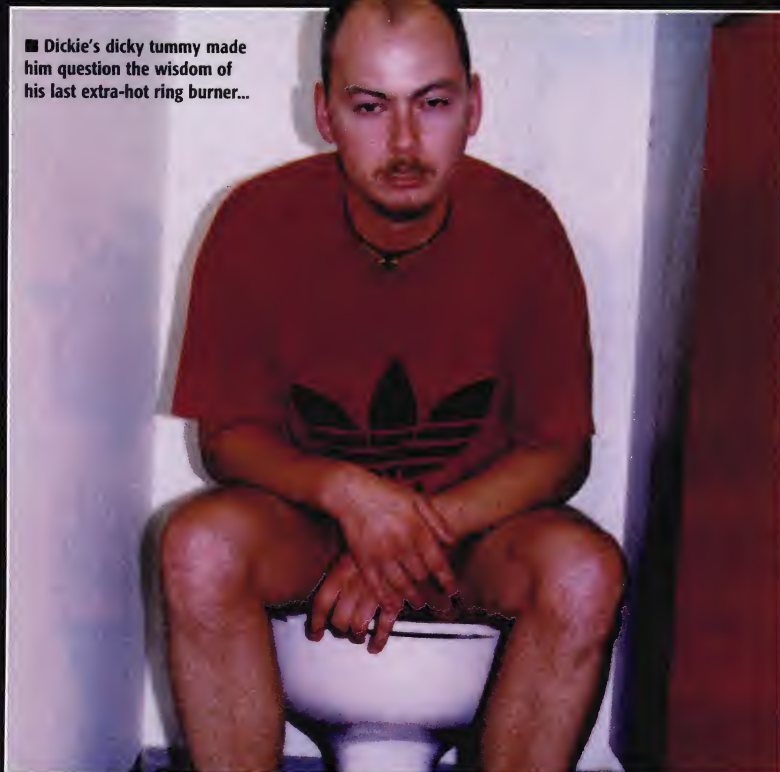
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Cashback

'Station games put one hell of a dent in your assets, don't they? A coupla games down the line and Mr Bank Manager's inviting you in for what he laughingly describes as 'a little chat'. We got to thinking: what else could you be spending your old hard-earned on? Our financial think-tank came up with this suggestion...

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- Ditto belching curry fumes
- £45's worth of curry? That'll fill a hole
- You'll sweat out that cold
- Curry makes you drink faster. Bonus!

The cons

- You won't want to eat for a month
- Shitting out napalm strikes. No fun
- Ditto farting nerve gas
- £45's worth of curry? No-one has sex with fatties
- You'll sweat out all sorts of shit. And your mates'll smell it
- ...And do you really want to drink 100 pints?

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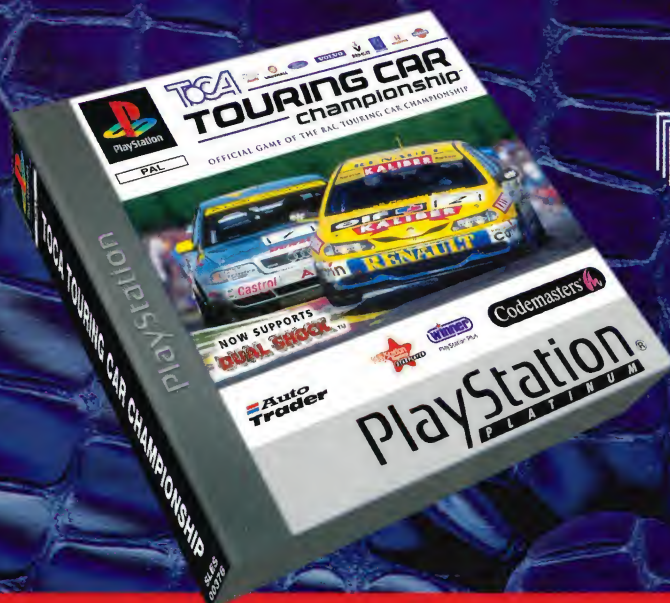
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